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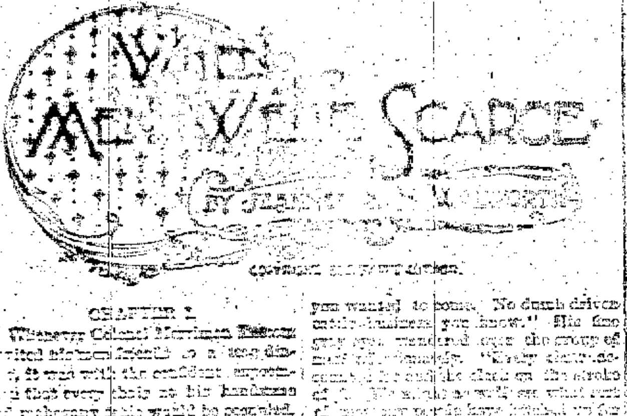

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CHAPTER I.

Whenever Colonel Merriman Bascom invited sixteen friends to a stag dinner, it was with the confident expectation that every chair at his handsome old mahogany table would be occupied. The colonel's dinners were in themselves worth riding many miles for, and the colonel's cellar [illegible] were worth [illegible] that young men [illegible] all accorded him [illegible] admiration and always spoke of him as "a gentleman of the old school."

Forced to define a gentleman of the old school, they would no doubt have described the colonel as "a man who would sooner cut a throat than lie or cheat, would wing his man with the most punctilious regard for the regulations of the code, who ranked cleanliness far above godliness and had not an ounce of littleness in his whole composition."

The colonel's physical composition was of the most liberal description. He was a big man with a clean shaven, massive lower jaw and a beautifully chiseled mouth, whose upturned corners were more suggestive of smiles than sneers.

His marked popularity among women made it a perpetual marvel that he should have escaped matrimony and was still, at the age of 55, free to call his men friends about him for sumptuous dinners, over which a butler instead of a wife presided.

"A great big house, furnished just as his mother had left it; servants trained to anticipate his every want, a plantation bringing him in an income for a prince, and, oh, well," said the minister's wife, "it was simply inexplicable, his not marrying! There must be something behind it all."

Applegate authorities were of the opinion that there was nothing at all behind it. The colonel's life was known to his old friends and neighbors as a clean story writ in large primer. He had grown up in their midst right there in that stately old white pillared mansion, perched high on grassy terraces, and, with the exception of two or three years spent in Mexico, where he had at one time "gone into mines," his whole life was familiar to local chroniclers.

It was only newcomers, like the minister's wife, who ever questioned the methods of life pursued behind the long green shutters of the Bascom house. The county of Applegate and the town of Cloverdell accepted the colonel just as he was—a great big jolly fact, full of a boundless charity for his fellow man and always ready to make good the shortcomings of others, whether it was a matter of finance or of moral delinquency. He was the idol of the Ladies' Aid society and the Willing Workers because he could always be relied upon to make good any deficit in the countless charities precariously sustained by their efforts.

If there was anything that the Cloverdell people did thoroughly understand, it was Colonel Merriman Bascom and his ways.

And yet the colonel was about to spring an immense surprise upon his friends. He had a piece of information to impart which he thought warranted a formal gathering. It was going to prove a bombshell in the ranks of his followers and perhaps alienate the last one of them.

Having entire confidence in his cook, who knew well that it was as much as her place was worth to send the mallard ducks to table a shade over or under time, and in his butler, who knew the exact number of wineglasses to put at each plate and was infallible touching the proper sequence of claret and champagne, it was unusual for the colonel to display any anxiety concerning the dinner arrangements.

But on this particular occasion he flitted restlessly from his dressing room to the dining room and thence to the butler's pantry, tasting the half mixed salad dressing and passing crude comments on everything in the most exasperating fashion, getting snubbed by his cook, which had the effect of sending him back to his dressing room, where he resumed his interrupted toilet with an absentminded indifference to results, totally foreign to his usual precise regard for appearances.

He endeavored to explain his feverish restlessness to the handsome, perplexed face that frowned at him from his mirror as he tied his lavender silk scarf.

"You see, this is no ordinary dinner. It is a crisis, an epoch, a turning point in more than one life. What in the deuce the fellows will all think of it I can't even conjecture, but I'm taking the only possible horn of the dilemma. How I will [illegible] through with it is another thing I can't guess."

These reflections seemed to superinduce a sudden accession of heat. He flung up the nearest window with violent energy, and stepping out upon the veranda, stood there mopping his broad forehead until he had reduced his fresh cambric handkerchief to a moist, limp rag.

This necessitated a return to his bureau drawer for a fresh one. He saturated it with good cologne, tramping up and down furiously, with the bottle in his hand. Manifestly the colonel's usually serene soul was stirred to its very depths. Suddenly he seized two hairbrushes and faced once more the elderly gentleman in the mirror with an angry demand:

"Whose business is it but my own, confound it all? Tell me that." The gentleman in the mirror glared back. His great flashing gray eyes said plainly:

"You are in a devil of a mess, old fellow, and no one knows it better than I do. I'm tremendously sorry for you, but how can I help you out of it?"

This uncomfortable state of affairs lasted until a high swung wagonette, with swiftly revolving yellow wheels, drawn by two proudly stepping trotters, swept around the graveled carriage way, depositing the first installment of the colonel's guests upon the broad stepped front steps.

The colonel's repute for a tardy dinner was well known. [illegible]

"[illegible] you wanted to come. No dumb driven cattle business, you know." His fine gray eyes wandered over the group of [illegible]. "Every chair accounted for and the clock on the stroke of [illegible]. We might as well see what sort of [illegible]."

[illegible]

Presently following this announcement 16 chairs were drawn up to the colonel's table and 16 napkins were carefully arranged over as many waistcoats.

Talk never languished at the colonel's table, but on this occasion he seemed bent upon keeping it going with nervous energy. There was no lack of material. The time was 1859. Already the war cloud was looming above the political horizon with portentous blackness. The irrepressible conflict was assuming such real proportions that they as good and loyal Mississippians should be deciding what attitude they would assume. In these days whenever two or three were gathered together there was matter of grave import to discuss. The pros and cons of states rights were clamorously agitated. There was the probability of war and the consequent effect upon the price of cotton to be anxiously predicated, each man giving his own opinion with an air of finality which, from his standpoint, left little or nothing for anybody else to say.

"Theoretically," said Thatcher from the foot of the table, "we are all agreed as to the right of secession, but when it comes to looking at it from the point of expediency we had better go a little slow."

The colonel shoved a dish of olives toward his left hand neighbor with a gesture of irritation.

"The devil fly away with expediency. Right is right and wrong is wrong. Is secession right or wrong? Morehouse, you are nibbling at that crust of bread like a starved mouse. What will you have, man? No, sir, I am teetotally opposed to looking at this tremendous question from any standpoint but principle, and until gag law goes into effect or my tongue is paralyzed I'll lift my voice against the outrages about to be perpetrated in the name of love of country."

"You are in a devil of a mess, old fellow."

Apparently a gag law of some sort was at that moment applied to the colonel's jaws, for they closed with a snap as Oscar bent over him.

Oscar, who would no more have thought of breaking in upon his master's oratory without adequate excuse than of facing a battery, was whispering something into the colonel's ear with an air of great importance. The word "immediately" came across his thick lips with such emphasis as to be distinctly audible to those nearest the head of the table.

Colonel Bascom put down his glass of claret with a thump that sent a shower of ruby drops over the tablecloth, drew his napkin nervously across his handsome mouth and pushed his chair back from the table. His smile was somewhat forced as he said:

"Gentlemen, make yourselves entirely at home. I have a rather inopportune caller who demands immediate audience. I'll be back with you before you have had time to discover how villainous this claret is. Thatcher, tell the boys about Ackermann and the donkey. Oscar, you scamp, look at Mr. Ackermann's empty glass."

Oscar sprang forward with the wine bottle in his hand, and the colonel passed through the door leading immediately into his private study.

There he found his importunate visitor pacing the floor with his hands clasped behind his back. He faced quickly toward the opening door. The two men greeted each other cordially.

"You are surprised to see me," said the visitor.

"A little, but awfully glad. What made you so mysterious in your message?"

"Is she here?"

"Here! Why, no, I'm not looking for her before tomorrow night. But how in the deuce did you know I was looking for her at all?" His visitor flushed angrily.

"I did not know it. You should have told me. It would have spared both Mrs. Northcote and myself a most anxious day and night." His face expressed vexation, Bascom's perplexity.

"It is no slight thing we have undertaken for pure love of you, Bascom, and of her, and we must be allowed to have supreme control in this matter, or you must relieve us entirely. Our task is difficult enough without any such interference."

The colonel dropped into a chair and held fast by its two arms, as if putting a physical restraint upon himself.

"My dear Northcote, would you object seriously to stop that gallop of yours long enough to tell me what you are talking about? Hang me if I can extract one lucid idea out of it all!"

Northcote seated himself violently in the nearest chair.

"I am speaking of [illegible] Miss Bascom." [illegible]

She will [illegible] with both hands. "Where should she be doing, here of all places [illegible]?"

Northcote [illegible] question.

"We [illegible] for the two days and nights. I have been away on professional business, and Mrs. Northcote did not know what to do until I returned. We [illegible] hoped"—

The colonel interrupted him testily:

"Good Lord, deliver us from this mess of the devil's own contriving! And the house full of men! Do you suppose—can it be possible—that she has heard about Jessie?"

"What about her?"

"I am looking for her home—here."

"Oh, you are! How would Miss Bascom know anything about her when neither Mrs. Northcote nor I have been honored with your confidence?"

"That is true—true. What an ass I am! Of course not. I say, Hillary, I [illegible] empty stomach. Aren't you hungry after your [illegible]?"

[illegible] early [illegible]

[illegible] happy [illegible] into the [illegible] there to await [illegible] his friend's gloomy [illegible].

"It is bad enough, old fellow, but starving won't mend it. I've got 16 men dining in my dining room, waiting for me to come back and incidentally wishing you with the devil. We'll talk this snarl over after they have gone. I've got my hands full. I'm going to tell them about Jessie."

Northcote fairly gasped:

"You are! How will they take it?"

"How they will take it you can judge for yourself, some of them kindly, I hope—not all, though. Come."

He opened the door leading into the dining room with a suddenness that left no alternative. Northcote had to follow.

"Oscar, another chair, there, at my right. Gentlemen, some of you may remember my dear friend, Dr. Hillary Northcote. All of you know him by reputation. When he moved to Mack county, Applegate county was the loser. At least the undertaker's business languished. A happy chance has brought him to me today. Northcote, down with you and try to get even with these fellows."

Inwardly marveling at the self control of the man, Northcote accepted the situation with a sigh of relief and smiled at the men. He had ridden far and was both tired and hungry. It would certainly "be impossible to talk that matter over with Bascom" until his guests were gone.

The dinner progressed along familiar lines to the point where it was customary for Oscar to place boxes of cigars, ash receivers and matches on the table, stripped of everything but flowers and decanters. Mr. Potts was wondering if his story about getting lost in the Maine woods would bear telling again, Thatcher was wondering if Mrs. Thatcher would smell the wine on his breath, Northcote was wondering at what time of day these fellows would take their departure, when suddenly Colonel Bascom stood up and drew all eyes upon himself. His gaze wandered deliberately over the entire group. "My friends," he said, "and I see none here whom I need hesitate to call friend, we will finish our evening in state. I am going to let you smoke for this time only in my drawing room—a room seldom used since my dear old mother left it. I have something there to show you and to tell you."

There was a scraping of chairs in unison and a somewhat subdued adjournment in direction of the stately room, where rich hangings and handsome old furniture seemed far too good even for their temporary occupancy. They found it alight in every corner. Sconces between the windows held wax candles to supplement the numerous oil lamps. It was made apparent to the most careless observer among them as soon as they entered the room what the colonel had to show them.

On an easel, placed so that each man on entering the room must necessarily observe it, was a portrait. Evidently both portrait and easel were recent additions to the fading glories of the old Bascom parlor. The one gleamed with polished freshness; the other, framed in heavy gilt of the most modern pattern, was as evidently just from under the hands of the framer.

For some reason the colonel lingered quite a little while behind his guests. Northcote had been among the first to enter. He started at sight of the portrait, but walked resolutely up to it. The others followed his example.

From out the glittering gilt frame there looked a pair of soft girlish brown eyes that seemed to appeal directly to every man there. Straight black brows, surmounted by a broad white forehead stamped with purity and intellect, crowned the lovely eyes. With no attempt to follow the prevailing craze for huge bandeaux the painted maiden's hair fell away from her pure brow in simple bands of a heavy richness. It was the picture of a very young and very beautiful woman.

When Bascom finally entered the room, the portrait was the center of a quiet group of men who neither knew what to do or say. Not one of them would have dared an irreverent or a flippant jest in view of that Madonna-like face. But who was she?

"You have been posting all these years for —a—a"

The colonel, who came in with a box of cigars in his hand, walked directly up to the easel and rearranged a silken scarf that had fallen away from one corner of the picture. He looked into the appealing eyes of the portrait with an almost reassuring gentleness as he flung the scarf over the frame. Then he confronted his guests with a flush on his handsome face.

"Gentlemen," he said, throwing his bombshell without pause, "I am not good at mystification or fabrication. This is the portrait of my daughter, Miss Jessica Bascom, whose home coming will put an end to our stag gatherings. I am looking for her in a day or two. [illegible] she will find as [illegible] Applegate county [illegible] deserve a [illegible]"

[illegible] there, was [illegible] his voice [illegible]

"Your daughter," he said. "Why—why—Bascom, you're surprising. You have been posing all these years for—a—a"—

"Bachelor!" Great beads stood upon the colonel's forehead. He slowly wiped them away before saying anything more. "I know. But my married life was such a brief episode. It came and passed in the few years I spent in Mexico." He twitched the fringe of the scarf with restless fingers. "I had never meant my daughter should know anything of the loneliness or the hardship of plantation life, but the death of her guardian and the strong probability of war between north and south force me to bring her here very much against my wishes. I am not unmindful of the ordeal ahead of her and me. I can only bespeak the charitable judgment of every man and father here."

No one [illegible] quite ready with a suitable reply to this astonishing announcement. Thatcher was wondering uneasily how the story of the Mexican marriage would go down with Mrs. Thatcher, a [illegible] skeptical woman. Ackermann was offering himself secret congratulations that he had no wife [illegible], and the rest of the men were [illegible] with the mental [illegible] of this strange [illegible]. Little Dr. Potts, [illegible] the most awkward man of them all, was the first to grasp his host's hand.

"My girls will be glad to know your girl, Bascom. I'm sure they will get to be real chummy. She is a regular beauty, and"—he faced sharp upon the picture to escape the gratitude in the colonel's eyes—"I hope with all my heart she will find a happy home in our midst."

He had struck a safe key, and his hope for Miss Bascom's happiness in Applegate county was cordially echoed by every man there.

Although the colonel plied his guests zealously with cigars and Thatcher made facetious remarks about their desolation at the termination of their jolly times it was impossible to call back the spirit of revelry. The guests departed as they had come, almost in a body, at a much earlier hour than usual, leaving a distinct chill in the social atmosphere of the state parlor.

When he had shaken hands with the last one, Bascom returned to the study, where Northcote had already gone and flung himself in a chair with a gesture of weariness.

"Now tell me about Ellen," he said.

CHAPTER II.

The steamer Red Wing was making her way down the Mississippi river at a rate which her irritated passengers described as a snail's pace. One of them, a Methodist minister who could conceive of no greater calamity befalling than for his pulpit to be found empty the coming Sunday morning, was moved to enter a peevish but futile protest.

He climbed the steep steps leading to the hurricane deck in search of the captain. He found him sitting in careless comfort in front of the pilothouse. His chair was tilted back on two legs within easy conversational distance of the man at the wheel. He was mopping his broad, red face vigorously with a handkerchief as large as a dinner napkin as he stared out over the sun baked banks and yellow water with troubled eyes.

Under normal conditions the captain of the Red Wing was one of the most genial of men, but the conditions controlling this trip of the boat, which stood him instead of wife, child and home, were not normal, and her captain in consequence was in that irascible frame of mind which had long since procured him the nickname of Old Peppercorn.

As the Rev. Mr. Molesworth stepped gingerly over the space between them Old Peppercorn gave his big handkerchief an impatient shake.

"Well, parson, you walk as if the deck of the Red Wing was a mantrap. I ain't set any spring guns aboard," he said.

The minister accepted this tart jest with becoming meekness as he came to a halt in front of the captain.

"I say, my dear captain, but this is just something dreadful. Couldn't you put on a few more pounds of steam? At the rate we are moving now I run the serious risk of missing my appointment in Cloverdell for tomorrow morning."

"Your appointment to do what?"

"To preach, sir," said the Rev. Molesworth with an access of stiffness, "at 11 a. m."

He mechanically took out his watch and consulted it, as if the captain of the Red Wing must thereby be impressed with the importance of putting on a few more pounds of steam.

Old Peppercorn glanced at the preacher with a twinkle of humor in his blue eyes.

"Well, I guess Cloverdell might get over it, but it is hard on you. That sermon won't be preached at 11 o'clock a. m. in the Cloverdell Methodist church tomorrow."

"Won't be preached?"

"No, sir; leastways not by you."

"I should like to know why."

"I could give you a whole bushel of whys, sir, if I saw fit." The captain's voice was pitched to an angry key. "But one will have to do you. The Red Wing's going down stream under adverse conditions that would swamp any other boat afloat but her."

"What are the adverse conditions?"

"Oh, almost everything. For one thing, she's carrying a job lot of passengers, including of a parson and a white horse. That always brings bad luck."

The Rev. Molesworth waved his bony hand majestically.

"I have heard that silly superstition before."

"Doubtless, doubtless. I wasn't claiming any originality for the idea."

"If that is all we have against us"—

"Oh, but it ain't, by a jugful. The river is lower than ever was knowed at this time of the year. Look at them long stretches of sand. I've got to pick my way like I was treading on eggshells if I don't want to fetch up on a sand bar. Furthermore, we're loaded down to the gunwale with freight for almost every landing betwixt this and Cloverdell, so you may as well possess your soul in patience, parson. Take a chair."

With tardy hospitality the captain shoved a chair toward his visitor with one foot. The minister sat down with a resigned sigh.

"Speaking of your passengers, captain, I am constrained to express my disapproval of the continuous card playing that has been going on in the saloon ever since we started from Memphis."

The captain turned on him with an angry snort:

"Well, sir, if you're constrained, let us have it, but I'm not gambling, so you can save your lecture for them down stairs, and I am not under contract to look after the morals of my passengers. I suppose you are talking about Reggie Belknap and that black whiskered fellow that came aboard with him."

"I am," said the minister gravely. "That boy—he is hardly anything more—looks almost white."

The captain brought his chair violently down on its four legs and thrust his hands angrily through his thick, gray hair.

"I'm not going to pretend I approve of any such goings on, for I don't. But what can I do? I like Belknap. I liked his father before him. He was one of the best friends the Red Wing ever had; never would ship a bale of cotton by any other boat even if I did get a lee tle behind time. But I know the Belknaps from the stump up. If I was to say a word to that boy down stairs about them cards, he would just as like as not to tell me hold my jaw. I ain't much of a meddler, and the Belknaps are fire and tow. No, sir, it wouldn't do at all. I'd be insulted on my own boat, and I'd have to grin and bear it."

The minister of God, a kindly if a narrow soul, felt impelled to make one more suggestion in the cause of morality.

"The other man, then—can nothing be said to him? Why, captain, there is a rumor afloat on the boat that young Belknap has actually put his plantation up for stakes."

"What! The devil!"

Old Peppercorn sprang to his feet and faced the man at the wheel with the command:

"Turn her nose to'ds the shore, Riley. Land at the first point you can wiggle in [illegible]."

The pilot, with his keen eyes fixed steadily on the gleaming stretches of sand he so much dreaded, answered shortly:

"Wheeler's. We've got freight for him."

"Wheeler's then let it be."

Then in angry soliloquy, rather than to either of the men present, the captain emptied his vials of wrath.

"No, by George, I ain't called on to stand back and see old Tony Belknap's fool of a boy cleaned out by a bloodsucker of a blackleg. Leastways it shan't happen on my boat. I didn't suspicion anything half as bad as that. I'll put the rascal ashore, I will, by jiminy! I guess that'll break up his little game. I'll make him take the gangplank at Wheeler's."

"He is very wealthy, I believe," said the minister, tentatively pursuing his own line of thought.

"Who—that young idiot down stairs? His daddy left him plenty, but it won't last long at this rate."

"Any family?"

"A younger brother and sister. Great Scott, parson, you're some on questions, ain't you?"

Entirely unabashed, the Rev. Mr. Molesworth asked yet another one:

"Who is that extremely handsome young woman who is traveling alone?"

"There don't any female travel alone on the Red Wing, sir—at least no pretty girl. That one's under my care, and her name is Bascom."

"Going home?"

"Going home."

The minister smiled apologetically.

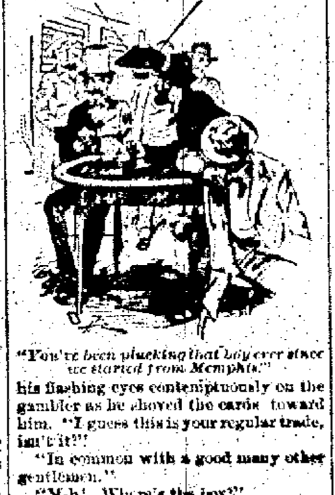
"You see, I am just removing from Memphis to Cloverdell, and I have a legitimate curiosity about the people I am to live among. I should like to ask you, captain, if"—

The man at the wheel here intercepted a furtive signal from Old Peppercorn, and immediately behind the Rev. Molesworth's back the steam whistle lifted up its voice in a shriek of such prolonged shrillness that he clasped both hands to his ears and fled.

The captain grinned maliciously, and stepping to the edge of the hurricane deck looked over to expedite the swinging out of the huge gangplanks. He urged expedition in the matter of landing in vigorous English and with all the force of his stentorian lungs. As soon as the Red Wing's nose was made fast to a tree high up on the steep, crumbling banks he followed the Rev. Molesworth down the steps that led to the cabin.

He entered the saloon, resolutely bent upon breaking up the prolonged game of cards that threatened to swamp old Tony Belknap's foolish boy. He found the professional gambler sitting alone at the table in the saloon. It was littered with cards and counters.

A disagreeable smile of triumph still lurked in the corners of the man's full, red lips. He was idly playing with the ivory counters. The captain seated himself in the chair opposite him. He fixed his flashing eyes contemptuously on the gambler as he shoved the cards toward him. "I guess this is your regular trade, isn't it?"



"You've been plucking that boy ever since we started from Memphis."

"In common with a good many other gentlemen."

"M-h! Where's the boy?"

"What boy?"

"The one you've been plucking."

"Mr. Belknap? I fancy he wouldn't stand being called a boy to his face. It is probable you will find him in the clerk's office. He went in there at the close of our little game to have a paper witnessed."

"Your little game! D—n it, sir, you've been plucking that boy ever since we started from Memphis!"

The gambler clicked the ivory counters together with his coarse, large knuckled fingers, while an angry flush made him look still more sinister.

"It has been rather a long session, but if you know anything at all about cards—and I suspect you do, in spite of your virtuous attitude toward this particular game—you know that the winner is powerless to stop a game."

"And the boy has been losing straight through?"

"Mr. Belknap has had rather a bad run of luck. But what business is it of yours, my dear fellow, provided his passage is paid?"

The captain brought his sun browned fist down upon the table with a thump that made the cards and counters dance gayly.

"Don't 'dear fellow' me, sir. I've got nothing in common with you, and as I never knowingly carry a thief or a blackleg on the Red Wing I'll give you just ten minutes to get your traps together and yourself on shore—of your own free will if you know what is best for you, on the shoulders of a nigger roustabout if must be."

"My passage is paid to New Orleans, sir."

"It won't take long to settle that point." A handful of silver rattled on the table as the irate old man sent it hurtling toward the gambler.

The gambler pounded the table in his turn.

"Your words are actionable, sir."

"So am I, and, by"—

A hand was laid on the captain's shoulder with restraining force—a slender, refined hand, bloodless and icy cold at that moment.

"Easy, my good old friend, easy. I am quite capable of fighting my own battles."

A glance over his shoulder showed the old man a pallid young face, out of which gleamed two feverishly bright eyes. A smile of singular sweetness met the captain's troubled gaze.

"It is awfully good of you, Riley, to try to pull me out of this hole, but you are too late. I shall always be sorry, however, that I did not lose my plantation to a gentleman."

Here, without even glancing in the direction of the man who had ruined him, Belknap flung an envelope across the table and assuming an air of indifference which his white cheeks and haggard eyes set at naught began gathering up the counters. The gambler carefully scanned the contents of the envelope and got up from the table with a cruel smile on his sensuous lips. He was quite ready now to leave the boat. A longer voyage in company with that haggard young face before him would not be agreeable. The insults that Belknap and the captain had heaped upon him stirred him to escape reprisals. Taking a small silver whistle from his pocket, he laid it upon the table within reach of the cold white hand his victim had rested on it. Belknap stared at the whistle and then at the man.

"Your receipt!" said the gambler. "You have paid dear for the whistle."

Belknap clinched his fist and made a step forward. Riley clasped his arms about him in a firm grip.

"The Red Wing's got a good name to uphold, Reggy. If you want to have it out with him, I'll put you both out on the bar. As for you—you"—

The man had turned away, only too glad of that intervening grip, and before the stage plank was drawn in he crossed it with his gripsack in his hand and ran nimbly up the sandy bank. In his pocket he carried the acknowledgment of his ownership of one of the finest old places in Applegate county.

Riley turned to the young man with a gesture of exasperation.

"I say, Reggy, good Lord, boy, you don't mean me to understand that you actually put your place up for stakes?"

"Yes."

The solitary word came with a dry rattle from the boy's parched throat.

"Not Belleview, old Tony's [illegible] place, where he took your mother as a bride, where you and the rest of the kids was born, where the old folks are buried side by side in the flower garden behind the house?"

"Yes."

"And it's gone? Lost to that black whiskered scoundrel?"

"Lost, all lost, gone."

With his cold white hands still pressed against the captain's shoulder, as if seeking physical support therefrom, Belknap stood staring vacantly at the painted bits of pasteboard which had held him in such hideous thrall for so many hours. It was almost impossible now in the absence of the evil mocking face of his adversary to understand the frenzy that had held him spellbound, preventing him from leaving the table before he was a ruined man. The bright September sunshine came straight through the open saloon doors and rested on the green baize of the card table. By its searching light the whole thing looked disenchanting and [illegible]. A few curious passengers, anxious to hear how the big game had ended, loitered near by. The captain glared at them and drew Belknap's arm within his own.

"You better lay down, my boy. You've been losing sleep now straight along for two nights. If I'd 'a' known it worn't a gentleman's game you was playing, I'd 'a' put my oar in long ago."

With imperative kindliness he led the half dazed Belknap to the door of his own stateroom, pushed him through it and said:

"You go lay down. I'll send you in a cup of strong coffee. After awhile we'll talk this mess over quietly. Old Tony Belknap's son shan't be fleeced on this boat if Jim Riley can figure out any plan for outwitting a scamp."

"Thank you, old friend, but the thing cannot be mended." And, smiling wearily into the distressed, rugged face of Old Peppercorn, Belknap closed the door of his stateroom and flung himself upon his berth.

Twice the cabin boy, who had been ordered to carry coffee to No. 42, returned with it, reporting the gentleman asleep. The third time to the captain, who was anxiously hovering near, he said, "Nobody in 42."

"Nobody in there?"

"No, sir; I"—

"Hold your tongue if you value your place on this boat."

The captain scowled ominously and pushing the boy aside made his own way hurriedly into Belknap's stateroom.

Sure enough, there was no one in it. Belknap's belongings were scattered about the small room. No attempt at packing up was visible. Only his hat was missing. The pungent odor of a queer unfamiliar drug prevailed over the faint perfume left by a good cigar. The captain stamped his foot in a paroxysm of rage.

"Cuss it all! The Red Wing will be ruined. I knew this trip was bound to bring me bad luck. Now, what's that blamed young idiot up to?"

The door leading out upon the guards was open. He passed hastily through it, glancing first toward the bow of the boat. If "the idiot" had aimed at throwing himself overboard, he never would have gone in that direction. There were too many men passengers to frustrate his silly intention. He turned his steps toward the stern. Behind the wheelhouse were staterooms reserved exclusively for ladies. There were very few on board. Old Peppercorn was glad of it. The story of the big game on the Red Wing would go far and fast enough as it was without women's tongues to wag.

A few steps toward the stern and the captain's search was ended. He uttered an exclamation of fright and ran forward at a brisk pace.

White and limp, staring with unseeing eyes into the flushed and handsome face of a vigorous young woman who held him securely pinioned against the side of the cabin, he discovered the object of his search.

The young lady greeted him quietly as she released her prisoner.

"I am very glad you happened this way. I did not want to call for help. People are so panicky on a boat." She loosed her hold upon Belknap's shoulders and stepped backward with a sigh of relief. "I think that young man was about to do something desperate. I chanced to see him through my stateroom door. He is evidently under the influence of something. You had better make him drink lots of strong black coffee."

Belknap's head had fallen forward on his breast. The captain put his strong arms tenderly around him. His blue eyes were fixed admiringly on the young woman who was deftly readjusting her displaced cuffs.

"Why didn't you scream?" he asked.

"Scream? What for?"

"Oh, well, just on general principles, because you're a woman, don't you know."

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LAWRENCE county will undoubtedly instruct its delegates to vote for Hon. C. W. Stone for the nomination of Governor.

SENOR DE LOME, the Spanish minister at Washington, has sent his resignation to Madrid. The United States government has also asked for his resignation, caused by De Lome writing a letter reflecting on the President.

IT is truly marvelous what an increase there has been in the manufacture of tin plate in this country. The amount of tin and terne plate manufactured for the last fiscal year was 446,982,063 pounds. This must be rather mortifying to the free trade Democrats who shouted so vociferously for years that tin plate could not be manufactured in this country; and the best of all is that the price of tin is gradually lowering.

THERE is a shortage of $859 in the U. S. Treasury, but Republicans will generously refrain from twitting the late Democratic Administration on it. —John Smith in Buffalo Express. This is highly proper. But when we remember the fuss the Democrats made over the missing cent (that was afterwards found), when the Republicans turned over Uncle Sam's treasure box to the Democrats in 1885, a person would naturally be inclined to twit them of the fact just developed.

WILLIAM M. EVARTS of New York City, who was Secretary of State under Ex-President Hayes, and who first saw the light of day in Boston, Feb. 6, 1818, is now totally blind. Last Sunday he celebrated his 80th birthday. The eminent statesman has been an eye-witness to most of the stirring and exciting events that this nation has experienced. He was admitted to the bar in 1840, and for 56 years he took an active part in national affairs of importance. For the past two years he has enjoyed quiet and rest.

HERE'S a hypothetical question: Suppose Mr. Wanamaker should have a goodly number of delegates in the Republican State convention, but not quite enough to nominate; and suppose that W. A. Stone should show up in precisely the same condition, would it not be reasonable to suppose that the supporters of one or the other of them would prefer the nomination of C. W. Stone to that of their opponent, particularly as Mr. Stone is not objectionable to either faction? The prospects for the nomination of our Congressman were never better than at present.—Oil City Blizzard.

THE Philadelphia Inquirer's Bradford correspondent writes as follows: "H. H. North, of this city, member of the State legislature from McKean county for the past three terms, has decided positively that he will be a candidate for Congress to succeed Chas. W. Stone, if that gentleman decides to enter the gubernatorial contest and abandon his prospects for re-election to Congress. Mr. North was a candidate for Speaker against Boyer and is popular throughout the State. He feels confident of receiving this nomination in this county and believes his chances will be reasonably good in Warren and Venango counties. He has been making a vigorous canvass."

THE Philadelphia Times of last Saturday in a lengthy editorial speaking of the Business Men's League meeting at the Bourse last week and what the Republicans of the State ought to do says, "That the convention must nominate a candidate for Governor who is free from all factional entanglements and is entirely acceptable to the whole party of the State." This is excellent advice and ought to be followed. Hon. C. W. Stone of Warren would fill the bill acceptably. No honest Republican, who has the welfare of his party at heart would object to his nomination. As the Times fairly states, "A candidate for governor who is free from all factional entanglements and is entirely acceptable to the whole party of the State." There is not a prominent Republican in the State but what is well acquainted with C. W. Stone, his ability as a statesman and his unswerving loyalty to Republican principles. He would make an ideal candidate around whom all true followers of the party of Lincoln could unite and march shoulder to shoulder to a glorious victory next November.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7, 1898.

Representatives Babcock, of Wisconsin, whose able management was a potent factor in the Republican Congressional victories of '94 and '96, is again to be chairman of the Congressional Campaign Committee, and Representative Mercer of Nebraska, who was his able lieutenant in the last campaign, is to be re-elected secretary of the committee. It is complimentary to these gentleman that in the reorganization of the committee for this year's campaign, no other names have been mentioned for their position. Notwithstanding the hoodoo which has so often resulted in the defeat of the party in power at the first Congressional election after the installation of the new administration, the members of the Republican committee are preparing to enter the coming campaign with a determination to win and the full expectation that the intelligent sentiment of the country is behind the Republican policy that is giving back prosperity to the country.

Not a single Senator who has spoken against the ratification of the treaty for the annexation of Hawaii has presented a convincing argument against annexation; consequently those Senators who were for a time in doubt have nearly all announced their intention to vote for annexation, and the ratification of the treaty is now assured when a vote is taken. Knowing this, Senator Davis, who as chairman of the committee on foreign relations has charge of the treaty, is patiently waiting until its opponents have been given an opportunity to say their say before taking any steps to force a vote. President Dole has started for home, but he will make several stops on his way to San Francisco, from which port he expects to sail on or about the 22nd inst. Every effort to get him to talk about the pending annexation treaty, for publication, failed, owing to his correct ideas of propriety. During his stay in Washington, Mr. Dole proved himself to be a gentleman, a scholar, and a statesman, whom every patriotic American will be glad to welcome as a fellow citizen.

The President and members of the Cabinet are loth to accept the general idea that Germany, in shutting out American fruits, even partially, and in threatening to shut out American horses, is acting upon a general plan of tariff retalliation, but if the official investigation now being made shall show that such is the case, action will be taken that will be sure to cause deep regret on the part of Germany. No country on earth is so well fixed to play the game of commercial retalliation as the United States. Our ambassador to Germany has already given the German government a hint of our willingness to play the game with any country that makes the first move against us, and the indications are that the hint will be sufficient to convince the Kaiser of the wisdom of prudence.

The changing of Hon. Ethan Allen Hitchcock of Missouri from United States minister to United States ambassador to Russia, by President McKinley has no particular significance, political or otherwise. It was done at the request of Russia, and was in accordance with the policy adopted by the U. S. a few years ago, to raise our ministers to the rank of ambassadors in all countries that desire to send ambassadors to the United States. The presence of an ambassador at a foreign capital, gives the U. S. more precedence than can possibly be gotten by a minister, owing to strict observance of diplomatic etiquette in those countries, which enables an ambassador from any little ten cent country to out rank a minister from the U. S., or any other large and powerful country, and consequently to have precedence of him everywhere.

It having been shown to the satisfaction of the Senate Postoffice Committee, that the charges against Mr. E. H. Bemus, nominated to be postmaster at Jamestown, N. Y., and Representative Hooker, whose recommendation brought about the nomination, of having used money and a position on the House pay roll to secure the retirement of a rival candidate, were nothing more than an attempt to keep the Democratic postmaster of that town, in office, the committee exonerated Representative Hooker and Mr. Bemus, by favorably reporting the nomination of the latter to the Senate.

Representative Boutell of Illinois has the distinguished honor of being the first member of the present House to be renominated. His nomination was by acclamation, too. Pretty good for a man who is serving his first term.

Senator Lindsay's declaration of independence of the silverites of the Kentucky legislature, and denial of their right to ask him to resign, would have impressed more people than it did, had he not preceded it by a vote for the Teller resolution, thus indicating a desire on his part to throw a sop to the silver element of his State. The man who voted for the Teller resolution need not expect to be believed when he says he is honestly opposed to the free coinage of silver.

EXPLAINS HIS POSITION.

The following letter, to the Pittsburg Dispatch, explains Hon. C. W. Stone's position on State and national affairs:

"The Republican party has won its notable victories when it has aggressively championed some great principle. Its failures have come when it has been diverted to collateral or minor issues or has allowed itself to be forced into a defensive position.

Prudence and wisdom will hold the issues of this fall's campaign closely to the national record and creed of the Republican party; but to accomplish this, factional discord in the party must be avoided, and no ground be left for the people to distrust the sincerity of party profession or the personal independence and high purposes of party candidates.

They must be satisfied that Republican success will mean honesty and economy in legislative and executive action and a due regard for the rights and will of the people. They are in no mood to be trifled with. They must be treated with entire candor and fairness or they are liable to make their own issues. There must be no evasion of proper responsibility; no attempt to mislead; nor to forstall nor to nullify the free and honest expression of the popular will. The people are the rulers; their officers are their servants. There must be no attempt to reverse this relation.

The Republican party stands for honesty and honor in the conduct of the National Government—it must stand for the same guiding principal wherever it is entrusted with power. The people propose to give a dollar's worth of value for every dollar they owe. They expect a dollar's worth of value for every dollar of their money expended. They demand not parsimony but honesty and they want this not in word but in act, not in promise but in performance.

This fall's campaign then must be fought under the banner of protection, sound money and honest government.

C. W. STONE.

THERE are queer things happening daily in politics. The New York legislature has been hauling U. S. Senator Murphy over the coals for voting for the Teller resolution in the Senate, while on the other hand the Kentucky legislature has been giving U. S. Senator Lindsey the same dose for not supporting the Teller resolution.

SHERIFF'S SALES.

BY VIRTUE OF SUNDRY WRITS OF FIERI Facias, Levari Facias and Venditioni Exponas, Alias Fieri Facias, Pluries Fieri Facias, issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, Pa., and to me directed, I will expose at public sale in the Court House, in the borough of Smethport, on

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1898,

at 1 p. m., the following several pieces of property:

1.

Defendant's interest in all that certain lot of land situated in Bradford city, McKean county, State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: Commencing at the northeast corner of Tanner lot, being also the northwest corner of land formerly of A. K. Johnson, and being a point on the south side of Boylston street; thence southerly 100 feet along the west side of Tanner lot to a post; thence easterly by a line at right angles to the last mentioned line to a point in the east side of Tanner lot, so called, being also the west line of another lot formerly owned by A. K. Johnson; thence northerly by the west line of said lot formerly owned by A. K. Johnson, and east line of said Tanner lot, to a point on the south side of Boylston street 41 feet from the place of beginning; thence westerly on the south side of Boylston street 41 feet to the place of beginning, and being the same land conveyed by the Bradford Oil Exchange to Anna H. Pride by deed dated August 28th, 1883, and recorded in the Recorder's office of McKean county in Deed Book No. 47, page 462. Improved and having thereon one two story frame dwelling house and usual outbuildings.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Anna H. Pride at the suit of John S. Rockwell.

D. H. Jack, plaintiff's attorney.

2.

Defendant's interest in all that certain piece or tract of land situate in Bradford city, McKean county, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point on the north side of School street twenty-seven (27) rods west of the southwest corner of public school lands; thence west six rods along School street; thence north ten rods (10) to a post; thence east six (6) rods to a post; thence south ten (10) rods to school street to the place of beginning. Being south half of old village lot No. 307 and No. [illegible] and containing sixty (60) square rods. Together with all and singular the buildings, improvements, woods ways, rights, liberties, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances to the same belonging. Improved and having thereon one large two story frame dwelling house with addition, one one story frame dwelling house with addition, one board barn and usual outbuildings.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of James E. Blair, mortgagor, Effie Walker, Isabel Binder, Dora B. Everson, Josephine Steele, Emma Blair, Albert Blair, Elmer Blair and Henry Blair, children and heirs at law of James E. Blair, dec'd, at the suit of Eliza Loomis.

D. H. Jack, plaintiff's attorney.

3.

Defendant's interest in all that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situate in Bradford city, McKean county and State of Pennsylvania, and bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the southeast corner of lot conveyed to Helen Shay by John Barry and wife by deed dated June 27th, 1889, said point being in the north line of Jackson avenue; thence northerly by east line of said Shay lot one hundred (100) feet; thence easterly by a line parallel with said Jackson avenue forty-seven (47) feet to northwest corner of lot heretofore conveyed to Bridget O'Connell; thence southerly by west line of said O'Connell lot one hundred (100) feet to north line of Jackson avenue; thence westerly along north line of Jackson avenue forty-seven (47) feet to the place of beginning. Being lot No. 3 of the land of the said John Barry as surveyed, laid out and staked and mapped by J. A. Seymour, surveyor, June, 1889, subject however to the reservation of all oil and gas, and the right to lay and maintain oil, gas and steam or pipe lines across the same as reserved by John Barry in deed to first party hereto by deed dated August 23rd, 1889, and recorded in Deed Book [illegible], page [illegible], etc. Improved and having thereon one two-story frame dwelling house, one board barn and usual outbuildings.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of D. Healey at the suit of J. H. Healey.

D. H. Jack, plaintiff's attorney.

4.

Defendant' interest in all those certain parcels of land situate in Otto township, McKean county, State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, viz.:

FIRST PARCEL—Beginning at the northeast corner of the Amos Vaughn farm in the center of the public highway and the northwest corner of the Simon Rixford farm; running thence south along the east line of the said Vaughn farm four hundred and fifty (450) feet to the north line of the B., B. & K. railroad; thence easterly along the north line of said railroad one hundred sixty-two (162) feet to a stake; thence north and parallel with the east line of said Vaughn farm four hundred and fifty (450) feet to the center of the highway; thence westerly along the center of said highway one hundred sixty-two (162) feet to the place of beginning. Containing two acres, more or less. Improved and having thereon one one and a half story frame dwelling house with ell, one large frame barn, and one orchard of about 30 trees.

SECOND PARCEL—Beginning at the southeast corner of the James Baker farm and in the center of the highway; thence west along the center of the main street in Rixford to the west boundary of lot No. 4 of the sub-division of the said farm into lots supposed to be 150 feet; thence northerly and parallel with the east line of the Baker farm one hundred seventy-five (175) feet; thence easterly and parallel with the first mentioned line about one hundred and fifty (150) feet to the said east line of the Baker farm; thence southerly on said east line one hundred seventy-five (175) feet to the place of beginning. Containing more or less, being the same parcels of land conveyed by John Onsel and wife to John S. Barlow and by John S. Barlow and wife to said Bridget Onsel by deeds dated June 10, 1893, and recorded in the Recorder's office in and for said McKean county in Deed Book No. 81 on pages 62, 64, 65 and 66 respectively, to which reference is had &c. It is understood that on payment of said mortgage moneys to E. R. Mayo, trustee, the first parties shall be free from all responsibilities as to the application thereof. Together with all and singular the buildings, ways, waters, water courses, rights, liberties, privileges, improvements, hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging. Improved and having thereon one one and one-half story frame building with one story addition on the side used as a store room.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Bridget Onsel and John Onsel her husband, at the suit of E. R. Mayo, in trust &c.

E. R. Mayo, plaintiff's attorney.

5.

Defendant's interest in all that certain piece of land lying and being in the borough of Smethport, McKean county, Pennsylvania, in the general plan of the borough of Smethport, denominated a square, and therein marked and designated with number sixty-nine (69), containing in breadth northwestward and southeastward about seventeen (17) perches and one-tenth (1-10) of a perch, and in length or depth north and south sixteen (16) perches. Containing one acre and about ninety-six (96) perches, more or less. Being the same land contracted to be sold by Thos. A. Morrison to Wm. H. Picard, by writing dated November 17th, 1893, and one of the squares conveyed to Thomas A. Morrison by the Bingham trustees by deed dated June 22nd, 1894, and recorded March 23rd, 1895, in McKean county in Deed Book Vol. 83, page [illegible], etc. No improvements except cleared and fenced.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Wm. H. Picard at the suit of Thos. A. Morrison.

Plaintiff.

6.

Defendants' interest in all that certain piece, parcel or tract of land, situate, lying and being in the township of Lafayette, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania: Being lot number one, the northern half of lot number two and lots seventeen, eighteen, nineteen and twenty in block number twenty-one of the plot of the village of Alton, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the northwest corner of block twenty-one and the northwest corner of lot number nineteen; thence east along the line of street one hundred and six feet to the northeast corner of lot number twenty; thence southeasterly along the line of street eighty-five feet to stake; thence southwesterly about one hundred feet to the east line of lot number eighteen; thence southeasterly twenty-five feet to the northeast corner of lot number seventeen; thence southeasterly fifty-six feet to the northeast corner of lot sixteen; thence west by the north line of lot number sixteen one hundred and twenty-five feet; thence by line of street north two hundred feet to the northwest corner of lot number nineteen the place of beginning. Being the same property conveyed to first parties by James H. Curtis and wife by deed dated March 27, 1882, and recorded April 15, 1882, at Recorder's office in Deed Book Vol. "14", page 520, &c. Improved and having thereon one large three story frame building used as a hotel and known as the Butts House and one small board barn.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of W. M. Lewis and H. W. Davis at the suit of Thomas H. Kennedy, assignee of C. S. Whitney who was assignee of Henry Hamlin.

James George, plaintiff's attorney.

7.

Defendants' interest in all that tract or parcel of land situate in the town of Bradford, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning on the main road in the village of Harrisburg two hundred feet north from Elm street and west side of said road; thence along the line of said road north eight and one-half (8½) degrees east thirty-three and one-third (33⅓) feet to a post; thence north eighty-five and one-half (85½) degrees west seventy-seven and five-tenths (77 5-10) feet; thence south eight and one-half (8½) degrees west thirty-three and one third (33⅓) feet to a post; thence south eighty-five and one-half (85½) degrees east seventy-seven and five-tenths (77 5-10) feet to the place of beginning. Containing twenty-five hundred and thirty square feet of land more or less. Being thirty-three and one-third (33⅓) feet off the south part of lot number fifteen (15) as per Thomas King's survey for J. N. Hinman and being a part of said lot No. 15 conveyed J. W. Brennan and wife to Margaret Cross June 12, 1877, as by reference will more fully appear. Reserving nevertheless all the oil and mineral rights therein to the said parties of the first part and this land is deeded subject to said reserve in the deed of June 12, 1877, by J. W. Brennan and wife to the said Margaret Cross and also subject to the same reserve contained in a deed of the same premises made by the said Margaret Cross to Samuel E. Slocum bearing date October 17th, 1877, and recorded in the Recorder's office of McKean county, Penn'a, in Deed Book Volume K, page [illegible], on the [illegible] day of March, 1878. Also subject to same reservation as contained in deed from said S. E. Slocum and wife to Phinney Parker, dated February 1st, 1878. Improved and having thereon one two story frame house with ell and usual outbuildings.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Luanna E. Beebe and Oscar Beebe at the suit of Richard Franklin, assignee of Louise Van Will assignee of Samuel Mitchell.

M. N. Ryan, plaintiff's attorney.

8.

Defendants' interest in all that certain piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the city of Bradford, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: Commencing at a point on the north side of Pleasant street in said city of Bradford two hundred and seventy-six feet west from the northwest corner of intersection of Pleasant street and Center st.; thence west along the north line of Pleasant street forty feet to a post; thence north on a line parallel with Center st. one hundred feet to a post; thence east on a line parallel with Pleasant st. forty feet to a post; thence south on a line parallel with Center st. one hundred feet to the place of beginning. Subject to a mortgage to the Chautauqua National Building, Loan and Savings Association of three hundred dollars, and being the same premises conveyed to S. A. Terrell and L. A. Terrell by Mary E. [illegible] and husband by deed dated May 17th, 1890, and recorded in the Recorder's office of McKean county in Deed Book Vol. No. [illegible] at page [illegible], etc. Improved and having thereon one two story frame dwelling house and usual outbuildings.

ALSO—All that certain lot of land on the west side of [illegible] street in the township of Bradford, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: Commencing at the northeast corner [illegible] feet north and east of lot No. [illegible] [illegible] Brook; [illegible] Lyon [illegible] called, [illegible] Deed Book [illegible] [illegible] proved and having thereon [illegible] outbuildings.

ALSO—All that certain piece [illegible] township, McKean county [illegible] bounded and described as follows [illegible] Lake Erie & Western railroad company [illegible] Brook; thence southerly and southwesterly along west bank of said Brook to point where said west bank intersects north line of said railroad right of way; thence northeasterly along said right of way fifty-five (55) feet more or less to the place of beginning. Improved and having thereon one two story frame dwelling house, one one and one-half story frame dwelling house, and one unfinished one and one-half story frame dwelling house and usual outbuildings.

ALSO—All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being in the township, county and state aforesaid, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point where the division line of the old Tait and Shrader lots intersects the north line of the right of way of west branch of the New York, Lake Erie & Western railroad company, said point being three hundred and twenty-eight (328) feet more or less southwesterly from the intersection of said north line of right of way with the west line of Bennett street; thence northeasterly along said right of way seventy-two (72) feet more or less to west line of land conveyed to Butler; thence north along said west line of Butler lot one hundred (100) feet more or less to a point; thence northeasterly and parallel to right of way of said railroad along north line of Butler lot [illegible] feet more or less to west bank of Bennett Brook; thence northerly along said west bank to south line of land conveyed to Geo. Palmer; thence westerly along south line of Palmer lot [illegible] feet more or less to the division line between the old Tait and Shrader lots; thence southerly along said division line [illegible] feet more or less to the place of beginning. Being a portion of the same land conveyed by John Schrader and wife to James Larkin and William Larkin by deed dated February 15th, 1884, and recorded in Deed Book Vol. 53, page 256, etc. Improved.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of S. A. Terrell, L. A. Terrell, Terrell Bros., at the suit of the First National Bank.

D. H. Jack, plaintiff's attorney.

9.

Defendant's interest in all that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situate in the borough of Eldred, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point in the center of the iron bridge, it being at the east end of said bridge; thence south fifty-eight (58) degrees east seven and one-tenth (7.1) perches; thence south eighteen and a half (18½) degrees west three and nine-tenths (3.9) perches; thence north seventy-two (72) degrees west eight and three-tenths (8.3) perches; thence north thirty-two (32) degrees east five and nine-tenths (5.9) perches to the place of beginning. Containing thirty-six and six-tenths (36.6) square perches strict measure, be the same more or less, and being the same land conveyed to the Eldred Butter and Cheese Manufacturing Company, Limited, by William L. Chrisman and wife by deed dated August 22nd, 1893, and recorded in the Recorder's office of McKean county, February 4th, 1894, in Deed Book Vol. 29 at page 81, etc. Improved and having thereon one one story frame building used as a butter and cheese manufactory, together with three large tanks, one Jumbo separator, two small tanks, one Babcock milk tester, one bolting crane, one churn, one butter worker, one Davis and Rankin upright boiler and engine, all shafting, pulleys, belting, fixtures, fittings and appurtenances thereon situate and to the said manufactory belonging.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of the Eldred Butter & Cheese Manufacturing Co., Limited, at the suit of R. A. Rice.

E. R. Mayo & Son, plaintiff's attorneys.

10.

Defendants' interest in all that tract, piece or parcel of land situate in the city of Bradford, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the northeast corner of lot No. [illegible]; thence west along the south side of School street thirty feet; thence south twelve rods; thence east thirty feet to the southwest corner of said lot No. [illegible]; thence south along the west line of said lot No. [illegible] to the place of beginning. Being part of lot No. 288 and same lot conveyed to Laura L. Howell by J. H. Bradley by deed dated the 10th day of June, A. D. 1881, and recorded in McKean county records in Deed Book Vol. 35, page [illegible], &c., and being same land conveyed to J. H. Bradley by E. F. Howell by deed dated June 15th, A. D. 1882, and same lot conveyed to E. F. Howell by Jane Davis by deed dated July first, A. D. 1880, and recorded in Deed Book Vol. 6, page 316, &c. Together with all and singular the buildings, improvements, woods, ways, rights, liberties, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances to the same belonging. Improved and having thereon one two story frame dwelling house with addition and usual outbuildings.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Laura L. Howell and E. F. Howell at the suit of John Ley, assignee of Wm. Chambers.

E. E. Hall, plaintiff's attorney.

11.

Defendant's interest in all that certain piece, parcel or tract of land in the borough of Mt. Jewett, McKean county and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: Lot 21 east on Kane street: Beginning at a post the northwest corner of lot 20 east; thence by said lot 20 east, south twenty-six degrees thirty minutes E. (S. 26 degrees 30 minutes E.) one hundred fifty feet (150 ft.); thence south sixty-three degrees thirty minutes W. (S. 63 degrees 30 minutes W.) fifty feet (50 ft.); thence north twenty-six degrees thirty minutes west (N. 26 degrees 30 minutes W.) one hundred fifty feet (150 ft.); thence by the south side of Kane street (thirty feet from the center thereof) north sixty-three degrees thirty minutes east (N. 63 degrees 30 minutes E.) fifty feet (50 ft.) to the place of beginning. Containing seventy-five hundred (7500) square feet more or less, and being the same land conveyed to Albert Lindow by Elizabeth H. Kane by deed dated July 6th, [illegible], and recorded in Deed Book No. 91 at page 101, etc., and subject to all the restrictions and reservations contained in said deed. Improved and having thereon one two story frame building used as a store and dwelling with a one story addition on the side and one board barn.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of A. Lindow at the suit of Charles G. Carlson.

Jno. N. Apple, plaintiff's attorney.

12.

Defendant's interest in all that certain piece, parcel or lot of land in the borough of Kane, McKean county and State of Pennsylvania, part of Warrant No. 3210, being lot No. 55 Janeway street, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a post in the north line of Janeway street fifty feet westward from the northwest corner of Janeway and Welsh streets; thence by the north line of Janeway street (thirty feet from the center thereof) south seventy degrees west forty feet (S. 70 degrees W. 40 ft.); thence by lot of Annie C. Anderson north twenty degrees west one hundred twelve and one-half feet (N. 20 degrees W. 112½ ft.); thence north seventy degrees east forty feet (N. 70 degrees E. 40 ft.); thence south twenty degrees east one hundred twelve and one-half feet (S. 20 degrees E. 112½ ft.) to the place of beginning. Containing 4500 square feet. Improved and having thereon one two story frame dwelling house with addition and usual outbuildings.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of W. J. Wise at the suit of P. W. McHale.

A. P. Huey, plaintiff's attorney.

13.

Defendant's interest in all that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being in the township of Norwich, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Being part of lot No. 117 in the J. Colegrove survey, beginning at the center of the road in the east line of said sub-division No. 117; thence south on said east line 160 rods to a post corner; thence west by unsold lands 50 7-10 rods to a post; thence north by same land [illegible] 160 rods to the center of the road; thence southeasterly along the same to the place of beginning. Containing 51 acres more or less. Partly improved and having thereon one one and a half story board dwelling house with addition, one board barn, and one young orchard of about twenty fruit trees.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Henry Kelin at the suit of The Pennsylvania Company for Insurance on Lives and granting annuities, executor of the will of John J. [illegible], deceased.

John N. Apple, plaintiff's attorney.

14.

Defendant's interest in all that certain messuage, lot or piece of land situate in the city of Bradford, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: Commencing at a post at the corner of State street and [illegible] avenue; thence along said [illegible] avenue seventy (70) feet; thence [illegible] thirty (30) feet; thence north seventy (70) feet [illegible] along State street thirty (30) feet to the place of beginning, be the same more or less, being the same premises conveyed by [illegible] and wife [illegible] and recorded in the [illegible] of the Recorder of deeds of McKean county, [illegible] in Deed Book Vol. [illegible] at page [illegible]. Being part of village (old) lot No. [illegible] in Warrant [illegible] and part of the William [illegible] Estate, and being also the same premises conveyed by Hart Cohen and wife to [illegible] by deed dated December [illegible], and recorded in the Recorder's office of McKean county in Deed Book Vol. No. [illegible], at page [illegible], etc. Improved and having thereon one one story frame dwelling house and usual outbuildings.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of [illegible] at the suit of J. Kreisler.

[illegible], plaintiff's attorney.

15.

Defendant's interest in a lot of land situate in the township of Sergeant, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, and described as follows, viz.: Being part of sub-division No. 91 of the survey made by the late J. Colegrove in Warrant [illegible], and bounded as follows, viz.: Beginning at a post in west line of No. 91 by the southeast corner of Geo. [illegible] lot; thence west 100 rods to stone corner; thence north 60 rods to post corner in said [illegible] south line; thence east on same 100 rods to place of beginning. Containing fifty (50) acres. With a one story board dwelling house erected thereon, a small board barn, a young orchard, and [illegible] acres partly cleared and well watered.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of [illegible] at the suit of The Pennsylvania Company for Insurance on Lives [illegible], executor of the will of [illegible].

John N. Apple, plaintiff's attorney.

16.

Defendant's interest in all that certain tract [illegible] Bradford, [illegible]

[illegible]

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Mary P. [illegible] at the suit of John A. [illegible].

G. H. [illegible], plaintiff's attorney.

17.

Defendant's interest in all and singular the rights, powers, privileges, immunities and franchises of the said Lafayette Manufacturing Company including the franchises to be a corporation whether now possessed or hereafter acquired by the said Lafayette Manufacturing Company and used or enjoyed in connection with said company, together with all and singular the tenements and appurtenances belonging and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, tolls, incomes, rents, issues and profits thereof and all the estate, title and interest whatsoever as well at law as in equity of the said Lafayette Manufacturing Company of, in and to the same and also all and singular the lands, real estate and premises of the said Lafayette Manufacturing Company, the party of the first part particularly described as follows, that is to say,

FIRST—All that certain tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the township of Lafayette, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a hemlock stub the southwest corner of Warrant No. 2063; thence east on warrant line five hundred (500) perches to a post; thence north one hundred and eighty-two and six-tenths (182 6-10) perches to a small birch; thence east one hundred and [illegible] and six-tenths ([illegible]) perches to a post; thence north one hundred and sixty four and four-tenths (164 4-10) perches to a post; thence east three and seven-tenths (3 7-10) perches to a post in the east line of Warrant No. 2063, said post being [illegible] perches south of the northeast corner of Warrant No. [illegible]; thence north on warrant line three hundred and [illegible] perches to a post the northeast corner of Warrant No. 2063, said post being in the south line of Lewis Run tract; thence west five hundred and ninety-three and four-tenths (593 4-10) perches to a post the northwest corner of Warrant No. 2063; thence south on warrant line seven hundred and [illegible] perches to the place of beginning. Containing [illegible] acres more or less and being Warrant number 2063 and part of Warrant numbered [illegible], and being same premises deeded by Anna M. [illegible] Hull and Thomas G. Hull, her husband to Charles S. Whitney and Samuel A. Wheeler by deed dated December 20th, 1886, and recorded in Deed Book Vol. 45, page 509, &c. And the said Samuel A. Wheeler's interest having been conveyed to Charles S. Whitney by deed dated July 1st, 1889, saving, excepting and reserving nevertheless from the above described premises unto the said Charles S. Whitney, his heirs and assigns forever all petroleum or rock oil in or under said above described land, together with sufficient natural gas for use in developing and producing said oil, and all mineral rights to the said above described land and sufficient timber from said above described land for all oil well rigs that may be erected thereon. Together with all oil wells now upon said above described and with the rigs, boilers, engines, tanks, casing, tubing, pipe, fittings, fixtures and appurtenances to said wells belonging. Also together with all buildings now erected upon said above described land and also together with all right of way and entry to, over and across the said above described land for the full and proper enjoyment of the several exceptions and reservations hereinbefore excepted and reserved to the said Charles S. Whitney, his heirs and assigns, above grant is made subject to right of way granted to the Manufacturers' Gas Company, its successors and assigns for a gas line under articles by C. S. Whitney and S. A. Wheeler dated December 13th, 1887. Also subject to right of way or permits for National Transit Company's oil and gas lines and the Tidewater Pipe Company, Limited, oil line, and subject to the right of way of the Bradford and Western Pennsylvania Railroad company. Together with a number of lumber shanties and barns located thereon.

SECOND—All that tract or parcel of land situate in the township of Lafayette, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, described as follows, 1st: Beginning at a post in the east line of Warrant No. 2061 at the southeast corner of lot No. 1 as surveyed by John W. Weeks; thence running along said warrant line south 2 degrees west seventy-six and four-tenths (76 4-10) perches to a post; thence north 88 degrees west one hundred four and seven-tenths (104 7-10) perches to a post; thence north 2 degrees east seventy-six and four-tenths (76 4-10) perches to a post; thence along lot No. 1 aforesaid south 88 degrees east one hundred and four and seven-tenths (104 7-10) perches to a post, the place of beginning. Containing fifty (50) acres of land, strict measure be the same more or less and being lot No. 2 of the survey made by John W. Weeks, surveyor, Oct. 25th, 1883, and a part of Warrant No. 2061. Unimproved.

2nd. Beginning at a post in the Kittanning road at the southeast corner of lot No. 3 of the survey before mentioned; thence running along the Kittanning road south 21 degrees west fifty-four and eight-tenths (54 8-10) perches to a post; thence along the north line of lot No. 4 north 88 degrees west one hundred and twenty-four (124) perches to a post; thence north 2 degrees east forty-seven and eight-tenths (47 8-10) perches to a post; thence along lot Nos. 2 and 5 one hundred and fifty and eight-tenths (150 8-10) perches to a post, the place of beginning. Containing forty (40) acres, strict measure be the same more or less, and being lot No. 3 of the survey aforesaid and a part of Warrants Nos. [illegible], being same premises described in deed by R. P. Miller to Charles S. Whitney et. al., deed dated Jan'y 27th, 1891, and recorded in Deed Book Vol. 7, page [illegible], saving, excepting and reserving nevertheless, from the above described premises unto the said Charles S. Whitney, his heirs and assigns forever all petroleum or rock oil in or under said above described land, together with sufficient [illegible]

[illegible]

THIRD—All the following described tracts or parcels of land situate in the township of Lafayette, in the county of McKean in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania [illegible]

[illegible]

STATEMENT

[illegible] the Amount of Assessed Valuation of Property in McKean County, as returned by the Assessors of the several Townships, Wards and Boroughs, subject to State and County Tax, for the year 1898, with the Taxes Against Same.

TOWNSHIPS, WARDS, AND BOROUGHS.	Valuation of Trades and Occupations	Valuation of Seated Real Estate Taxable	Valuation of Unseated Real Estate Taxable	Number and Value of Horses, Mares, Geldings and Mules over the Age of 4 Years		Number and Value of Cows and Neat Cattle over the Age of 4 Years		Aggregate amount of all Real and Personal Property Taxable for County Purposes	Aggregate amount of Money [illegible] Stocks &c. Assessed at the Rate of 4 Mills on the Dollar	Aggregate amount of State Tax Assessed	Number of Dogs and Bitches	
				No.	Value	No.	Value				Dogs	Bitches
Annin Township	$ 2,985	$ 78,920	$ 10,250	251	$ 4,710	[illegible]	$ [illegible]	$ [illegible]	$ 1,495	$ 12.50	100	
Bradford Township	25,850	270,081	35,564	411	10,750	275	3,840	354,705	4,402	115 61	210	11
Bradford City, 1st Ward	31,595	607,451		157	4,600			613,706	[illegible]	271 84	32	1
" " 2d "	25,725	374,410		20	[illegible]	10	105	410,574	[illegible]	220 16	8	
" " 3d "	31,050	198,625		61	1,820	12	120	231,645	[illegible]	109 29	47	4
" " 4th "	18,580	383,074		37	1,100	2	20	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	27	
" " 5th "	34,630	137,290		27	400			172,404	4,950	[illegible]	17	
" " 6th "	23,820	158,292		135	3,510	60	890	186,452	87,560	[illegible]	37	6
Ceres Township	7,825	101,011	7,672	252	4,270	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6,441	25 70	51	4
Corydon Township	3,470	26,765	45,920	152	4,060	72	[illegible]	81,061	410	1 64	37	6
Eldred Township	7,185	132,520	15,980	225	5,895	225	[illegible]	[illegible]	10,803	62 20	121	
Eldred Borough	11,520	102,110		102	2,880	47	470	117,289	22,712	58 65	45	1
Foster Township	22,385	206,013	[illegible]	411	8,875	400	4,000	[illegible]	43,022	174 49	105	5
Hamilton Township	9,025	100,372	72,821	158	4,530	96	955	[illegible]	6,100	31 41	69	2
Hamlin Township	12,885	100,035	114,435	226	4,385	188	1,895	241,441	20,419	[illegible]	80	6
Kane Borough, 1st Ward	12,110	115,220		30	825	15	150	[illegible]	41,322	246 10	66	
" " 2d "	13,300	113,390		[illegible]	2,230	9	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	349 19	77	4
" " 3d "	9,098	98,722		25	485	12	120	[illegible]	41,642	176 47	[illegible]	1
" " 4th "	10,780	54,487		27	670	9	90	66,027	11,613	49 45	46	
Keating Township	22,775	291,285	294,812	509	11,145	490	4,075	[illegible]	54,100	216 01	152	6
Lafayette Township	19,875	134,277	87,292	258	6,315	111	1,220	[illegible]	21,080	84 16	100	4
Liberty Township	7,225	128,815	117,566	225	5,055	320	3,510	[illegible]	3,792	15 17	121	
Mt. Jewett Borough	12,065	87,697		75	[illegible]	41	410	101,772	15,587	63 25	50	4
Norwich Township	10,975	84,231	194,250	[illegible]	4,710	175	1,750	[illegible]	40,275	161 20	16	2
Otto Township	14,859	185,051	20,547	254	6,870	122	1,020	[illegible]	[illegible]	59 27	85	5
Port Allegany Borough	17,550	188,541		152	3,395	[illegible]	1,090	[illegible]	71,583	[illegible]	56	1
Smethport Borough	35,880	161,651		103	2,575	[illegible]	900	[illegible]	487,351	1,951 85	[illegible]	2
Sergeant Township	8,250	32,101	135,267	105	2,120	71	710	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	56	
Wetmore Township	7,980	100,021	[illegible]	161	4,450	274	2,740	[illegible]	2,570	[illegible]	80	[illegible]
Total	479,055	4,300,253	[illegible]	5160	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

The above statement shows the aggregate value and assessment made by each Assessor in McKean county, for the year 1898, upon property taxable by law for County and State purposes. This statement, made in accordance with the Act of July 27, 1842, also showing the amount of taxes assessed on each ward, borough and township in said county. All persons interested are hereby notified that the undersigned Commissioners will sit as a Board of Revision, at their office, in the Court House, in the borough of Smethport, on the 18th day of Feb'y, 1898, and from day to day by adjournment thereafter, to revise, raise and equalize the valuation of all property which they shall believe to have been assessed too low. After the revision and equalization shall have been completed, due notice will be given of the time and place where appeals may be made to said Commissioners sitting as a Board of Revision and Appeal:

NOTICE OF APPEALS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Commissioners will be at the places named below at the time specified, for the purpose of listening to appeals from the assessment as revised and equalized. The assessors are expected to be in attendance at time of appeal for their respective districts.

Appeals on Military Enrollments will be held on same days at same places.

For Keating Township, March 3 and 4; Norwich and Sergeant Townships, March 5, at Smethport.

For Kane Borough, 1st and 3d wards, March 7; 2d and 4th wards, March 8; Wetmore Township, March 9; Hamilton Township, March 10, at Kane.

For Hamlin Township, March 11; Mt. Jewett Borough, March 12, at Mt. Jewett.

For Lafayette Township, March 14, at Mt. Alton.

For Bradford City, 1st ward, March 15; 2d ward, March 16; 3d ward, March 17; 4th ward, March 18; 5th ward, March 21; 6th ward, March 22; Bradford Township, March 23; Foster Township, March 24; Corydon Township, March 25, at Bradford, Producers' Exchange, Council Chamber.

For Eldred Borough, March 29; Eldred Township, March 28; Ceres Township, March 30, at Eldred.

For Otto Township, March 31, at Duke Centre.

For Smethport Borough, April 1, at Smethport.

For Port Allegany Borough, April 4; Liberty Township, April 5; Annin Township, April 6, at Port Allegany.

Given under our hands and seal of office at Smethport, Pa., this 9th day of February, 1898.

Attest:
S. D. WEAVER, Clerk.

W. A. YOUNG,
LEMUEL DAVIS,
T. F. HUNGIVILLE, } COMMISSIONERS.

Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 282, October Term, 1897.

McKEAN COUNTY, ss:—THE COMMONwealth of Pennsylvania to the sheriff of said county, greeting;

Whereas, Anna L. Archer did, on the 4th day of September, 1897, prefer her petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said county, praying for the causes therein set forth she might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, George N. Archer.

We therefore command you, the said George N. Archer, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the county of McKean on the fourth Monday of February next to answer the petition or libel of Anna L. Archer, and show cause, if any you have, why the said Anna L. Archer, your wife, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Hereof fail not.

A true copy. J. F. DAVIS, Sheriff.

P. R. Cotter, Libellant's Attorney.

Smethport, Pa., Jan. 31, 1898.

Notice.

THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS OF ADMINistrators and Guardians, having been settled in the office of the Register of Wills, the same will be presented for confirmation at the Orphan's Court, to be held at Smethport, in and for the County of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, on the fourth Monday of February, A. D. 1898.

First and final account of D. L. Haven, administrator of the estate of Orin Haven, deceased.

First and final account of Gilbert Moody, administrator of the estate of Grant V. Stull, deceased.

First and final account of Geo. W. Mitchell, guardian of Myrtle D. Maybee, (now Myrtle D. Keene) minor child of Jeremiah Maybee, late of Kendall Creek, Pa.

GEO. W. MITCHELL, Register.
H. M. CHOATE, Deputy.

Smethport, Pa., February 1st, 1898.

Auditor's Notice.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF McKEAN COUNTY.

H. J. Brennan, Cashier, vs. The Mt. Jewett Flint Glass Co. } No. 44, Dec. Term, 1897. E. D. No. 18, Dec. Term, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the auditor appointed by the above Court, to make distribution of the fund paid into Court in above case, will meet all persons interested, for the purpose of his appointment, on Monday, the 21st day of February, 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m., at his office in the borough of Smethport, county of McKean, Pennsylvania, when and where all persons having claims on said fund are requested to present the same or be forever debarred from coming in upon the said fund.

T. F. RICHMOND, Auditor.

Smethport, Pa., Jan. 20, 1898.

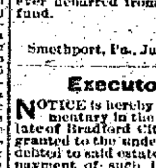
Executors' Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that letters testamentary in the estate of E. H. Barnum, late of Bradford City, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment of such indebtedness, and those having claims against the same, to present them duly authenticated for settlement.

C. H. LAWSON,
W. H. POWERS,
Executors of the estate of E. H. Barnum, deceased.

Bradford, Pa., Feb. 7, 1898.—6-4t

ARE YOU GETTING GRAY?



Drefs' Hair Restorer stopped my hair from falling, cleansed my head from dandruff, and covered all falling of the scalp in 4 days. Mrs. J. E. LAWRENCE, Detroit, Mich.

I have used one bottle of Drefs' Hair Restorer, and find it excellent to restore gray hair to its natural color. It does not stain the scalp. SARAH P. [illegible], Dayton, Ohio.

PRICE, $1.00. All druggists or mail.

Get it at once, and be happy.

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For sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co., and H. C. Wells, Opera House Drug Store. nov.19-6mo

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of KANE.

WILL TEST EYES AND FIT GLASSES AT

Dr. Chadwick's Drug Store,
Smethport, Pa.,
MONDAY, FEB. 28th,
DAY AND EVENING.

PALACE PHARMCY,
Dr. Rush Chadwick, Propr.
Retailer and Jobber of
Drugs, Patent Medicines, [illegible]
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we have a cinch. Clear'd out man'f'r on the Coudersport Wool Pantz. Got them at $3.00 on doz. less than regular price & give U the benefit ov same. Thes all wool pantz go at $1.30 whil tha last. Only 50 pair left. Tha R going fast. Don't wait. Can't get another such a snap on thes goods.

6 foot Xtention table $4.75.

Mor blu Envelops and Paper at 5c wagon load. This goes fast. Can't always get it.

Match's 2 burn at 9c doz.

Caps from 12c to 72c.

We can sell U thes at about ½ price. We bought in the bal. of Olmsted Bros.' stock awa B-low cost 2 man'f same & can save U sum mony on same. It doz not matter how or wher we get our goods only so we can giv U bargins on same.

Remember we R doing A big trade on pantz & can't B beat on quality or price.

We hav cotton work shirts from 20c 2 48c.

Yeller Rockingham Dishes 5c each. Also 5 & 10c glass dishes.

Crum Brush & Tray 25c.

COM 2 THE RACKET

& get cotton work pantz for 48c pair.

A. E. STICKLES,
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Is the best $50 WHEEL in the world.

BECAUSE its frame is made of the famous "Pioneer" fifty per cent Carbon Steel Tubing.

BECAUSE the other materials and the workmanship are equal to those of almost any bicycle made.

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Columbias, $60 and $75.

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We once saw a horse sold for ninety-five cents. He was just as high and just as long as any horse. This may not be an elegant comparison, but it applies. A low priced article is not a cheap article. A cheap article is not always low priced. A low priced piano is a questionable piano. A questionable piano is a bad piano. Hence buy the best—

BUY A CHICKERING.

It will cost you some money—all good pianos do. The difference is not so great, but the quality is beyond comparison. We exhibit all styles of Chickerings.

E. L. SMITH & CO.
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First-Class Work. Up-to-Date Prices.

I am prepared, having employed a practical laundryman, to do everything in my line. Family washing a specialty.

Laundry called for Mondays and Wednesdays and delivered when ordered. WORK GUARANTEED.

NEW NECKBANDS AND ALL NECESSARY REPAIRS ON LAUNDRY FREE.

Backus Block,
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T. H. Purtle,
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Our stock of
Spring Shoes
Has arrived.

It embraces the newest styles of nobby footwear in

Qualities that
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We invite your inspection and solicit your patronage, knowing we can serve you to your advantage with STYLES, QUALITIES and PRICES IN YOUR FAVOR.

New EMBROIDERIES, LACES and WASH GOODS

are arriving. Look at them while you are here.

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Feb. 3, 1898. Smethport, Pa.

THE NEW YEAR

is here and you can commence it in no better way than by having your picture taken, "See how you looked a year ago."

DON'T FORGET

that I can give you better figures on crayons than any agent.

THE LIGHT IS ALL RIGHT NOW TO SIT FOR PHOTOS.

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We will send to any responsible person SHOES to select from. We have everything in

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in styles and quality that cannot be purchased in any small town. We make a specialty of FINE SHOES; every width and size.

BURT & PACKARD'S Korrect Shape Shoes for Men. We refer you to our many customers in Smethport.

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Commence the New Year by Smoking
The American Gentleman Cigar.
[illegible] the good reputation [illegible]. For sale at all first-class cigar stands in Smethport and vicinity.

McKean County Miner
Entered at the postoffice at Smethport as second-class mail matter.

SMETHPORT, FRIDAY, FEB. 11, 1898.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Sheriff Davis has a three weeks' continued story in the MINER.

—Ice harvesting has been the order of the day for the last few days.

—Scott Redfield entertained a party of young friends last Monday night.

—A class of seven converts was received into the M. E. church Sunday.

—Houseworth, the optician, will be at M. L. Armstrong's Feb. 14. See his adv.

—There was a highly enjoyable dance given at the Parker Hotel, in Gardeau, last night.

—Alf's dog, Hero, lost his collar Wednesday. Finder will please return to A. B. Pierce.

—Township election next Tuesday. See that you cast your ballot for the best candidates.

—John Vanblad, who recently rented Purtle's blacksmith shop, reports business as booming.

—Do not fail to read the story, "When Men Were Scarce," which commences in this weeks' MINER.

—Do you wear shoes? If so, read Lindholm & Co's adv. They have the latest spring styles.

—McCoys' drug store calls your attention to their complete line of valentines in this week's issue.

—Comrade Sam Lewis has been suffering for the last two weeks with a severe attack of lumbago in the back.

—It is about time for Lillibridge to indite some more "Goldsmith Maid" poetry. This is not intended as a joke on the trotter.

—The large congregation at St. Luke's church last Sunday highly appreciated the music furnished by the choir. It was truly grand.

—A. T. Palmer has a change in his adv. that will be to your advantage to look over. If you want bargains in his line give him a call.

—Letters remaining in postoffice, week ending Feb 5: James Dunn (two), John Gillis, Mrs. Jane Gibbs, Mrs. Amelia Hodges, A. W. Smith.

—H. W. Marcus of Olean is still selling cloaks at prices that are surprisingly low. Remember you can satisfactorily order goods from him by mail.

—Don't be wrathy if your communication is condensed or left out this week. The crowded condition of our columns makes such a course necessary.

—John Bond of Colegrove had his right leg broken last Friday by being caught between a sleigh and some logs. Dr. McCoy reduced the fracture.

—Tom Purtle has placed some improvements on his laundry. The MINER has heard several patrons express themselves as well pleased with their laundry work.

—The Kane Republican is now a seven column folio. The MINER congratulates Col. Rogers over his remarkable success in establishing a live daily newspaper in Kane.

—At St. Luke's on next Sunday evening there will be a special address on "The Christian Athlete." Young men are particularly invited. Services in the morning at 8 and 10:30 o'clock. [illegible] and Sunday School at Noon. [illegible] at 6 p.m.

—[illegible] friends of Mrs. M. B. [illegible] will regret to learn that she is confined to her bed by illness.—Kane Republican.

—The Wellsboro Gazette says, "A. M. Warriner of Deerfield is the possessor of a rare piece of money. It is a gold quarter dollar, dated 1855." This is indeed a curiosity.

—There was an enjoyable dance given at the residence of Lawrence Hering in Farmers Valley last Friday evening. A number of Smethport young men were in attendance.

—J. C. Gallup's commission as postmaster arrived last Thursday night. Mr. Gallup will take possession of the office on next Tuesday. Congratulations are now in order.

—It is rumored that Prof. W. L. Cooper of the Bradford Herald will go to Klondike in the Spring. Owing to his political views he ought to go to Colorado and mine silver.

—Chas. Ohleberg, while employed at Healy's saw mill at Glen Hazel last Saturday, was almost instantly killed by several logs rolling over him. The remains were taken to Mt. Jewett for interment.

—There are but eight prisoners in the McKean county jail. If its a fair question we would like to ask how many of this number are in for selling liquor illegally?—Autograph. One, and a woman at that.

—The dance given by Civilla Lodge, Daughters of Rebekah, was well attended. The Klondike supper was a feature of the entertainment. Heath Brothers furnished the music. All who attended enjoyed themselves highly.

—That was a real nice send-off in the Bradford Herald last week in regard to the Smethport School, but it is indeed strange where the writer of the same got the idea that the above institution was ever "a backward country school."

—The Ridgway Advocate of last week contained an excellent halftone cut of T. F. Richmond, president of the Northwestern Pennsylvania Volunteer Firemen's Association, as well as a very flattering notice of our distinguished townsman.

—Hon. George Griffiths of Kane informed the MINER man that the residence of William Rictinwald on Greeves street in Kane had been destroyed by fire Wednesday morning. Two families resided in the house. The effects were saved. The building was insured.

—It does not look very promising for the Appert glass company to receive a sufficient quantity of gas at Port Allegany. A gentleman was in town last week from the "farm," who stated that the schools were compelled to shut down last Thursday, owing to the scarcity of gas.

—The Clinton Republican mentioned the death of Elias Fair, which occurred last Sunday at Lock Haven. He was 99 years old and a hero of the Seminole, Mexican and Civil wars. Six years ago he traveled on foot from Lock Haven to Washington, D. C., to make application for a pension.

—Mrs. D. C. Young tendered a reception to the members of the Travelers' Club last Thursday afternoon. The refreshments and the manner in which they were served was highly spoken of by those present. The Travelers' Club will give a grand banquet at the Wright House, Feb. 22.

—Charles A. Olmstead of Smethport has developed considerable talent as a verse writer. Several of his poems, published lately in the Buffalo and Smethport papers, possess more than ordinary merit. Mr. Olmstead is not altogether original, but his style is easy and pleasing.—Bradford Star.

—Three drunken ruffians caught an inoffensive colored porter at Corry one day last week, and after pouring alcohol over him set his clothes on fire. Alarmed at their fiendish deed they rolled the poor fellow in the snow and extinguished the flames, but he was so badly burned that his life is despaired of.

—Besides the regular work for the week in the C. L. S. C. department, two papers will be prepared and read: "The Paris Commune," by Mary L. Keenan and "Noted Roman Conspirators," by Mrs. A. F. Church. Remember the place of meeting, the Baptist lecture room, and the date, Tuesday, February 15.

—Last Monday night the borough council granted to the Aluminum Number Co. the privilege of numbering the houses and business places in town. Each citizen will pay for numbering if he desires to have the work done. It would be very convenient to have the names of the streets placed at the corners thereof, as there are very few people who can locate all of the streets.

—H. W. Rubin received a large photograph last Tuesday from Harry Freeman, who is located at Komatiport, South African Republic, of himself, three friends and three denizens of that region. Harry looks as natural as life. The natives are attired in breech clouts, with bracelets on their ankles. They are indeed "dressed to kill." It is a very striking picture and Mr. Rubin prizes it highly.

—Judge Olmsted has decided that the "act for the destruction of wild cats, foxes and mink in the Commonwealth and providing for the payment of bounties on the same, officers fees, and fixing a penalty for violation of the same," is unconstitutional and void for the reason that the title above quoted does not indicate that the bounties are to be paid by the county or any other person or corporation.

—The Epworth League will give an art exhibition Friday and Saturday evenings of next week, in the chapel of the M. E. church. Pictures by Edwin A. Abbey, Robert Blum, Charles Dana Gibson, Alice Barber Stephens and others. Everyone is cordially invited to attend and view the pictures, or buy them if you so desire. Refreshments 15 cents, admission 10 cents.

—Said Editor James of the Star to Foreman Kellogg: "Mike, put Billy Hutchinson on the galley and finish the murder you commenced yesterday. Set up the ruins of Hercules and distribute the smallpox. Lock up Mayor Fagnan and slide Tony Bannon into the hell box; leave the "pi" alone until after dinner. Put the ladies' form to press and tell the devil to work on that sermon on eternal punishment. Printing office language is certainly peculiar.—Bradford Herald. May the shade of "Whiskey Low" Manning haunt the Herald's "Man About Town."

—The editor of the MINER was severely taken to task this week by a non-subscriber for mentioning the name of another party in a complimentary way last week. Now the question arises how did this first named party happen to discover the fact when they do not even take the MINER, being in arrears to the amount of several dollars? They must borrow a fact which has been surmised by the management of this paper for some time. It would be infinitely more honorable for them to pay up all arrearages, as well as in advance, then if matters did not suit they would have some reason to kick. Under existing circumstances their case [illegible].

—At a regular meeting of Keystone Commandery of St. John and Malta, held at Backus Hall, Feb 3 1898, the following officers were elected for ensuing year: Eminent Commander, [illegible]; Lieut. Commander, [illegible]; Capt. of Guard, [illegible]; [illegible] W. H. Curtis; Chaplain, [illegible]; Chancellor, W. [illegible]; Sergt. at Arms, [illegible]. [illegible] officers Feb 17 [illegible] requested to be present.

—The [illegible] new one dollar greenback [illegible] design, will soon make its appearance. We advise our friends to get rid of their old style bills before the new ones [illegible]. We will [illegible] to count [illegible]. Don't [illegible] old bills [illegible] have the new ones [illegible] quite [illegible]—Wellsboro Gazette. [illegible] old. We [illegible].

—At the [illegible] parents Mr. and Mrs. [illegible], N. Y. occurred the marriage of their daughter, Myrtle, to Arthur F. [illegible] of Little Valley, N. Y. The [illegible] was performed by the Rev. [illegible], pastor of the Baptist church, in the presence of about 45 invited guests. The bride was attired in white [illegible] Mabel [illegible] maid, [illegible] were the groom, and [illegible] best man [illegible].

—Mr. [illegible] was a pleasant caller [illegible] which after [illegible] that McKean [illegible] obliging [illegible] position of prothonotary [illegible] Mr. Mitchell. He keeps an accurate record of the proceedings of the court and performs the other duties of his office in a careful conscientious manner, and is never too busy to give information to litigants, reporters or others who ask questions of the county clerk.—Bradford Era, Monday.

—The evening train on the B., B. & K. was nearly an hour late last night on account of a car on Conductor Bogert's train being derailed at Keatings. 'Tis said our genial friend, "Hog," was completely buried beneath a bevy of school marms who became frightened and jumped off at the same time he did, and that Brakeman Cummings lost his head, as it were, also his lantern and in the mix-up he started in the direction of Kane to flag the train which was coming in the opposite direction. Had not Bogert succeeded in scrambling out from the pile of feminine attire in all probability, the brakeman would have brought up at McAmblyd.—Kane Republican, Saturday. The only complaint Bogert was heard to make was when asked if it was not pleasant to be surrounded by so many handsome school marms. He said it was rather pleasant, but he would prefer to be surrounded by one.

Saturday Evening's Entertainment.

The Kellogg-Bird Carnival Company, much to the surprise of the members of the Travelers' Club, who did not expect it until Feb. 8, arrived in town Saturday afternoon. The members of the above club at once commenced to hustle and soon had the change of date well advertised in every part of the borough. A large crowd greeted the rise of the curtain at the opera house, and every selection on the program was received with liberal applause.

Mr. Kellogg, the bird warbler, is a gentleman of rare musical attainments, and delighted the audience with his imitations. His rendition of "The Mocking Bird," was especially fine. The different scenes mentioned in the song were reproduced on a screen at the rear of the stage, by a stereopticon. Mrs. Kellogg, as a contralto singer, is first-class. Miss Benson enchanted her hearers with selections on the violin. She is certainly a master of that instrument. Miss Eldredge captured the hearts of the audience with her recitations. Her poses were as near perfection as is possible to attain. The performance was concluded with calisthenic tableaux by Miss Eldredge, the fair face and form of the lady being illumed by calcium and electric light effects. It was indeed pleasing. J. W. Kellogg manipulated the stereopticon and lights in a manner that was highly satisfactory.

The Travelers' Club deserve thanks for bringing this splendid aggregation of talent to Smethport.

Blessed Results.

The revival meetings which are being held in the M. E. church continue with marked results. Up to the present time more than thirty persons have indicated a desire for Christ. Twenty-one have united with the church. The end is not yet. The pastor Dr. Walker, will preach from the following subjects: Next Sabbath morning, "Wise Counsel from Judah's Throne," a sermon helpful to young Christians. Evening, "God and Reason." A most cordial invitation is extended to all the people of Smethport.

The Surprise of All.

Mr. James Jones, of the drug firm of Jones & Son, Cowden, Ill., in speaking of Dr. King's New Discovery, says that last winter his wife was attacked with La Grippe, and her case grew so serious that physicians at Cowden and Pana could do nothing for her. It seemed to develop into [illegible] consumption. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in store, and selling lots of it, [illegible] a bottle [illegible] surprise of all she began to get better from first dose, and half [illegible] well. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is guaranteed to do this good work. Try it. Free trial bottles at A. B. Armstrong & Co's Drug Store.

Mr. Ward [illegible] of Fredericktown, Mo., was troubled with chronic diarrhoea for over [illegible] years. [illegible] come fairly satisfied [illegible] only a question of a short time until he would [illegible] been treated by [illegible] physicians in Europe and America, but [illegible] no permanent relief. One day he picked up a newspaper and chanced to read an advertisement of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. He got a bottle of it, [illegible] cured him and his continued [illegible]. For sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Farm for Sale.

I [illegible] farm [illegible] of [illegible] acres on which there are good buildings, about three miles from this place. On the farm are [illegible] With [illegible] to the [illegible] When creamery [illegible] the farm [illegible] Industrious man [illegible] with a [illegible] make [illegible]

[illegible]

5-tf [illegible], 1898.

WANTED—A [illegible] by a young man [illegible] years of age. [illegible] experience. Is a stenographer [illegible] bookkeeping. Is willing [illegible] small salary. Address, [illegible], Bradford Business College, 6-4 [illegible], Pa.

I have for sale a good [illegible] Would trade the same for a [illegible] years old or pay cash for same. [illegible] or address
R. H. [illegible],
Smethport, Pa.

Are you contemplating buying a Piano or Organ? Drop us a postal for free catalogue and lowest prices ever offered.
C. WILLARD & CO.
Olean, N. Y.
40-tf

PERSONAL MENTION.

[illegible]

W. H. Hartindale of Sterrville and C. C. Ward of Port Allegany were in town last Monday.

Mrs. C. L. Douglass and son, Carroll, of Bradford were guests of Mrs. J. E. Kittredge last Sunday.

Ex-Senator A. F. Bannon and A. F. Bannon, Jr., of Bradford were guests at the Central Sunday.

Chris McAlee of Johnsonburg spent Sunday in town renewing old friends and acquaintances.

Miss Eva Beers came over from Bradford last Saturday and was the guest of Erastus Curtis and wife.

County Superintendent J. E. Myers has been visiting the schools at Kane and vicinity this week.

Major Horace McGuire, a prominent attorney of Rochester, N. Y., was attending court here Monday.

D. C. Young and Jas. A. McKean left for State College Monday where they took a few lessons in butter making.

J. C. McKenna, the popular superintendent of the B. B. & K. was in town last Monday greeting old friends.

Judson Skeiver of State Line Mills was a most agreeable caller last Wednesday. Mr. Skeiver was doing jury duty during the week.

Rev. J. Heber McCandles returned from Buffalo on Wednesday accompanied by Mrs. McCandless, who has been visiting in New York.

Comrade Ryan drove to Kane Monday. He took over the booths and ballot box for the election precinct in the new ward of Kane.

Commissioner Lemuel Davis is at Kane under a doctor's care. There is nothing serious, and he will soon be able to resume his duties.

J. J. Parcell of New York and A. D. Lundy of Williamsport, two prominent insurance men, were guests at the Central Wednesday.

Col. R. E. Morrison of Mineral Point, an extensive contractor and builder, now located at Hazelhurst, was here last Wednesday on business.

Mrs. T. R. Taylor and little daughter, Verna, left for Pemington, N. J., last Wednesday morning. They were called there to attend the funeral of Mrs. Taylor's grandmother.

Our esteemed townsman, S. C. Townsend, spent a few days with his family here this week. He returned to his duties at Lancaster, Ohio, Wednesday. Although well pleased with his new situation, it was with regret that he bade adieu to his many friends here.

Capt. J. C. Johnson of Emporium, who is a candidate for judicial honors in the 25th judicial district (composed of Clinton Cameron and Elk counties), was a visitor in town Tuesday. The MINER earnestly hopes that the Captain may be successful in his aspirations as he is a staunch Republican.

E. Schott and family, A. Edel and daughter of Olean; Mrs. Chas. Ernst and son, Mrs. Merkel, Mr. Max Schott and Mrs. Alex Turner of Buffalo; Mrs. Langer and daughter, Rochester; Mrs. E. G. Pelton, Crosby; Sam Schoeneman and M. Schoeneman, Rochester and Mrs. Williams of Chicago, formed a sleigh ride party which came up from Olean last Sunday and were guests of Mrs. Carrie Reilly.

Communicated.

EDITOR MINER:—Accounts have appeared in your paper concerning the crowded condition etc., of the Frisbee School. Now I wish to state facts of the case in contradiction to an article, under the misnomer, "A Correction." The patrons of this school are not obliged and do not send their pupils to a school where their physical and mental powers become dwarfed by any sardine packing method. There has not been, during any month of the present term over fifty names registered on the Frisbee School Report. The present number is forty-two and this includes a part of the Kent Hollow pupils. The school room is 34x28 feet. There are thirty-two patent double seats with desks. They are high, medium and low, arranged especially to accommodate the pupils of each grade. Seats and desks are separated from the walls by broad aisles as are also the four rows of desks from one another. [illegible] admitted through eight windows [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Court [illegible]

[illegible] Turney vs. Corydon township, verdict in favor of plaintiff for $99.82.

G. H. Tubbs et al vs Mary E. Taylor and others; the court instructed the jury to return a verdict in favor of defendant.

[illegible] of [illegible] Parker, [illegible] proved, filed.

[illegible] verdict in favor of [illegible].

[illegible] J. Cummings; verdict [illegible].

From an Old Soldier.

[illegible], Ind., Jan. 14, [illegible]

[illegible]

The MINER and Tribune $1.[illegible]

[illegible]

This petition was presented by the ladies in person, and met with a hearty response from the members of the council present.

Four to Six O'clock.

Mrs. N. B. Smiley of Bradford was the guest of honor at the delightful reception given last Thursday afternoon to the members of the Travelers' Club. The spacious parlors were filled with bright faces all delighted to accept the genial hospitality of the charming hostess. The club color scheme yellow and white, was effectively carried out in the floral decorations. Yellow daffodils, white narcissus and yards of the graceful smilax were displayed in profusion. The most unique feature was the dining room with its trimmings of yellow and white satin ribbon and a lavish display of flowers, flooding the room with fragrance. The ladies assisting were: Mrs. T. F. Richmond, Mrs. Dr. Baker, Miss Lena Wright and Miss Redfield.

Free Pills.

Send your address to H. E. Bucklen & Co., Chicago, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trial will convince you of their merits. These pills are easy in action and are particularly effective in the cure of constipation and sick headache. For malaria and liver troubles they have been proved invaluable. They are guaranteed to be perfectly free from every deleterious substance and to be purely vegetable. They do not weaken by their action, but by giving tone to stomach and bowels greatly invigorate the system. Regular size 25c per box. Sold A. B. Armstrong & Co., druggists.

CALIFORNIA.

Personally-Conducted Tour via Pennsylvania Railroad.

The next personally-conducted tour to California via the Pennsylvania Railroad will leave New York, Philadelphia and Pittsburg by the "Golden Gate Special" on Wednesday, February [illegible] [illegible] San Francisco [illegible] For itineraries and full information, apply to ticket agents; Tourist Agent, 1196 Broadway, New York, or address Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad street station, Philadelphia.

From a Methodist Preacher.

Clay City, Ind., Jan. 12, 1897.

P. pain Syrup Co., Monticello, Ill.

Gentlemen:—It affords me great pleasure to speak in praise of your most excellent medicine. I have suffered quite a great deal from sick headache, the result of sedentary habits and sluggish liver and bowels. Your remedy corrects these troubles and my headaches are stopped. J. C. Boone, Pastor M. E. church. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

I have given Chamberlain's Cough Remedy a fair test and consider it one of the very best remedies for croup that I have ever found. One dose has always been sufficient, although I use it freely. Any cold my children contract yields very readily to this medicine. I can conscientiously recommend it for colds and croup in children.—Geo. E. Wolff, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Fernandina, Fla. Sold by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

A few months ago Mr. Byron of Woodbridge, Mich., was badly afflicted with rheumatism. His left leg was swollen to full length, causing him great suffering. He was advised to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm. [illegible] A. B. Armstrong & Co.

[illegible] A. B. Armstrong & Co.

[illegible] Cream Ointment.

If you have a terrible pain in the small of the back, [illegible] Snow Liniment. It will positively stop it and at once. [illegible] friends. Sold at [illegible] drug store.

A thrill of terror is experienced when a brassy cough of croup sounds through the house at night. But the terror soon changes to relief after One Minute Cough Cure [illegible] Safe and harmless for children. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Whooping cough is the most distressing malady; but its duration can be cut short by the use of One Minute Cough Cure, [illegible] A. B. Armstrong & Co.

[illegible]

[illegible] are happily combined in these offerings of

Woman's Wool Underwear.

They are the outcome of the study and skill of the best manufacturers. Nothing better can be offered. There is nothing better made at the prices. Most places would ask and get a third more. Good things are limited in quantity so these lots are not large. These figures will insure quick buying.

J. Colegrove.

WE no longer supply our seeds to dealers to sell again. At the same time, anyone who has bought our seeds of their local dealer during either 1896 or 1897 will be sent our Manual of "Everything for the Garden" for 1898 FREE provided they apply by letter and give the name of the local merchant from whom they bought. To all others, this magnificent Manual, every copy of which costs us 30 cents to place in your hands, will be sent free on receipt of 10 cents (stamps) to cover postage. [illegible]

MONDAY, FEB. 14TH.
FREE EYE EXAMINATION.

Tears Without Grief,
Do you shed them?

Can you read fine print without shedding tears? Do your eyes ache when you read by lamp light? Does the wind or strong light cause them to water? If your sight is defective we can help you. We can tell you precisely how to correct the defect which your eyes suffer.

Prof. HOUSEWORTH,
Eye Specialist,
Formerly with Queen & Co., Phila.
At the store of
M. L. ARMSTRONG,

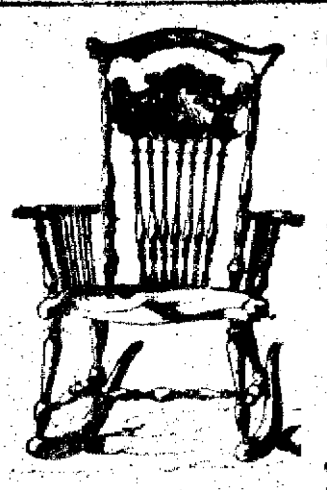
DENTISTRY.

Modern, scientific and up-to-date. Painless extraction of teeth. Over [illegible] years' experience. Satisfaction guaranteed.

DR. F. C. PIERCE,
Smethport, Pa.

If You Don't Find What You Want [illegible] Agricultural Journals try The Practical Farmer [illegible] $1.00. [illegible]

DR. CALDWELL'S SYRUP PEPSIN CURES CONSTIPATION.



Oak or Mahogany,
Price $2.50.

A LARGE LINE OF ROCKERS LEFT FROM OUR HOLIDAY STOCK WILL BE SOLD AT PRICES SIMILAR TO ABOVE.

ALL NEW GOODS AND A BIG STOCK TO SELECT FROM.

SLOAN & ERVIN,
16 Main St.

FURNITURE,
CARPETS,
MANTLES,
CROCKERY.

We are now giving an opportunity to buy goods at very low prices during

JANUARY
and
FEBRUARY.

We need the room for new Spring Goods.

16 Main St.,
BRADFORD.

We pay the Freight.

Telephone Exchange.

Opera House Drug Store,
H. C. WELLS, Prop'r.

IF YOU WANT pure drugs and medicines this store is the place to patronize. Only the best can be found here.

The only place in Smethport where you can secure MULFORD'S ANTI-TOXINE for the cure of diphtheria.

A good smoke after supper will make you feel better. We handle the best brands on the market.

Best novels at greatly reduced prices.

Main & Mechanic Sts.,
SMETHPORT, PA.

JOHN VANBLAD,
Practical Horseshoer.

I have just rented the blacksmith shop of Thomas H. Purtle and am now prepared to do

HORSESHOEING
and
BLACKSMITHING

of all kinds in a prompt and satisfactory manner.

Special attention to shoeing interfering and sore horses.

A share of your patronage solicited.

John Vanblad,
WATER ST. SMETHPORT, PA.

Mason
SELLS

Apollo Incandescent Gas Lights $1.00
Blankets and Robes at Cost
JEWETT'S Home Comfort Steel Ranges $30 to 45

THE ABOVE are not the only articles that Mason sells. They also are not the only real bargains to be found there.

In this store you will find everything kept in a well regulated Hardware from the best and most durable range to the dantiest designs in Chinaware.

Mason's Hardware,
Smethport, Pa.

THIS WEEK

opens up the new year, 1898, so does FORD'S RED FRONT open up the "no profit" sale of ready to wear

CLOTHING FOR MEN, BOYS AND CHILDREN

You can select any Suit, Overcoat, Ulster or Reefer in our store and the price asked you is just what is paid the manufacturers this fall. Underwear, Hats, Caps, Gloves, Mittens, Trunks and Valises, all must go the same way.

FORD'S RED FRONT,
158 Union Street.
OLEAN, - - NEW YORK.

A pair of Skates FREE with every boys' Suit, Overcoat or Reefer no matter how cheap the Suit, Overcoat or Reefer may be, you get the Skates just the same.

McCOYS' DRUG STORE,
Odd Fellows' Block,
SMETHPORT, PENNA.

Did You Get One?

"DEAR FRIEND:
In order that this may be the most pleasant and memorable of all my anniversaries, I wish that you would buy your valentines at McCoys' Drug Store.
Designs this year are particularly novel and artistic and the prices at McCoys' are right.
Cordially yours,
ST. VALENTINE."

Get in line for Feb. 14, 1898, at
McCoys' Drug Store,
Odd Fellow's Block. Smethport, Pa.

FREE! FREE!!

You can get a sample of KEMP'S BALSAM and a package of LANE'S TEA, with calendars and almanacs, free of charge, at

Armstrong & Co.'s,
Opposite Court House. SMETHPORT, PA.

FOR SALE AT
Palmer's New Livery Barn,
Water Street:

Horses, 25 Pails of Acme Stock Food,
Harness, Pulsifer's Veterinary Medicines,
Robes, Daniels' Veterinary Medicines,
Whips, Harness Oil,
4 New Buggies, Coach Oil,
2 Second-hand Buggies, Axle Grease,
1 New Cutter, Extra Thills,
1 Second-hand Cutter, Extra Poles.

Prices always reasonable.
Come and see me. Office at new barn.
A. T. PALMER.

J. C. STULL Farmers Valley.
New Goods! Lowest Prices!

My store is chock full of new goods and going at prices that are lower than ever before. Dry Goods, Groceries, Grain, Mill Stuff, Hardware, Gent's Furnishing Goods, Boots and Shoes and all kinds of Rubber Goods. Sole agent for Snag Proof Rubber Goods in this vicinity. Your patronage solicited. Yours Truly,
J. C. Stull.

Anderson's Is the Place

to go when in need of anything in the line of

Ladies and Gents' Fine Shoes.

A complete stock of Lumbermen's Footwear always on hand.

Albert Anderson,
SMETHPORT, PA.

Fresh Home Made Candy at Brasted's
OYSTERS,
CANDIES,
CHOICE FRUITS.

[illegible] Drains Are Recommended in Connecticut—How [illegible] Stone Drains.

The [illegible] wet summer of 1897 was [illegible] inducement to the farmers of many sections to drain their lands, and they have heeded it. A Connecticut correspondent, writing to Country Gentleman from Hartford county, says:

I do not remember a time when so many drains were being laid as at present. Farmers who had fields of potatoes not worth digging and tobacco only fit to be plowed under are determined not to have another experience so costly and disagreeable. If the next season were to prove as dry as half a dozen preceding the present one, they might secure fair crops, but what the farmers want is insurance against loss from the effects of surplus water in another wet season. They are acting wisely, for it is probable that the increased yield of their crops during the first ensuing summer of excessive rain will offset the cost of drainage.

The drains that are being constructed in the valley lands are almost exclusively of tile. On the rocky lands away from the Connecticut river some stone drains are being built. When it is an object to rid the land of surface stones, it may be advisable to build stone drains, but the additional labor required makes a stone drain more expensive than one of tile under almost any circumstances.

There is some little variation in the method of making a stone drain, but the ordinary plan is to lay a row of stones on each side at the bottom of the ditch, cover these with flat stones, place a layer of cobblestones on these to a depth of several inches, cover the small stones with straw or brush to prevent the loose earth from filling the crevices and fill up the ditch with soil.

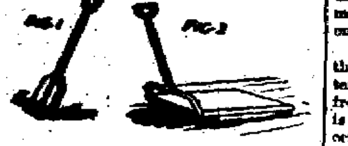
One objection to a drain of this kind is the liability, provided the soil at the bottom of the ditch is not of equal hardness for its entire length, that some of the foundation stones will sink below the line of the rest. In this case the drain is likely to be choked up. Another objection is that burrowing animals may enter the drain and obstruct it. However, a stone drain well laid on a hardpan bottom will often remain in position and perform good service for many years. I do not intend to say anything to discourage any farmer with an overabundance of loose stones upon his lands from building a stone drain. Indeed there are many situations where an open drain, with sloping sides grassed over, is very much better than none.

Ben Davis Apple In Vermont.

The Rural New Yorker says: "In our opinion it is a mistake to plant the Ben Davis apple in Vermont. Vermont cannot grow such large and highly colored Ben Davis as they raise in Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Arkansas, and that's the goods they have to compete with. But Vermont can grow Northern Spy and [illegible], Fameuse and Arctics as fine as anything in the world, and that is what Vermont growers ought to stick to. With the competition which now exists in the apple business, and which is bound to grow sharper and sharper every year, no one should dare go to the market with any fruit which is not the best of its kind. The best Ben Davis always brings a good price—more's the pity—but we can't understand what use could be made of a second class Ben Davis. Of course Vermonters pack first class Ben Davis, but they are second class compared with the Ozark pack."

Handy Contrivances.

One often sees about railway freight stations an affair similar to the one shown at Fig. 1 in the cut, but not having the convenient shovel handle. The lip of iron at the bottom is placed under the edge of a heavy barrel or box, the whole balanced over the small wheels and the whole easily wheeled away. The shovel handle makes the wheeling very much easier. Such a device will be found very useful on the farm. Make it of hard wood, with wide iron tracks. At Fig. 2 is shown an improved form of [illegible] for moving heavy bodies in the house or barn, stoves being handled with special ease by the use of this little platform on very low, broad castors. One [illegible] and is so low as almost to touch the floor. Farm Journal, which originally illustrated both these articles, says, "By tilting up the object to be moved and backing the platform in under it it can then be wheeled anywhere."



TWO USEFUL CONTRIVANCES.

Here and There.

A Massachusetts contributor to The New England Homestead claims that there is at least $2.50 per ton difference between home grown and baled hay.

[illegible] figures showing the decline of [illegible] in Connecticut are given by a [illegible] county statistician.

An advancing cranberry market is apparently particularly in the east.

The outlook for the sheep industry is [illegible] at present, and the sheepmen [illegible] encouraged.

Mr. Charles Parry expressed the opinion at a farmers' institute that when farmers realize the immense profits in chestnut culture they will be tumbling over each other to set out the groves.

[illegible] Crimson Clover, eh! [illegible] him? He loves [illegible]. [illegible] after him, [illegible] Rural New Yorker.

[illegible] says that in the southern [illegible] are planted in different [illegible] of the orchards and allowed to [illegible] and [illegible] feed on this [illegible] do less damage to trees.

[illegible]

[illegible] the grape crop this [illegible] Farmers and [illegible] the northern part of the [illegible]. While this is true, it [illegible] by the [illegible] of the great national [illegible] which [illegible] of the stomach [illegible] and kidney [illegible] malarial disorders. [illegible] removed vigor to [illegible].

A Sure Thing for You.

[illegible]

[illegible] Spavin Liniment removes all hard, soft or calloused lumps and blemishes from horses, blood spavins, curbs, splints, sweeney, ringbone, stifles, sprains, all swollen throats, coughs, etc. Save [illegible] by use of one bottle. Warranted the most wonderful blemish cure ever known. Sold by A. B. Armstrong, Druggist, Smethport, Pa.

J. P. Anthony, Ex-Postmaster of [illegible], says: "I bought [illegible] of Mystic Cure for Rheumatism and two doses of it did me more good than any medicine I ever took." Sold by A. B. Armstrong, Druggist, [illegible].

[illegible]

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Once more, once more, thy Mary, dear,
I sit by that lone stream
Where first within thy timid ear
I breathed love's burning dream.
The birds we loved still tell their tale
Of music on each spray,
And still the wild rose decks the vale,
But thou art far away.

In vain thy vanished form I seek
By wood and stream and dell,
And tears of anguish bathe my cheek
Where tears of rapture fell,
And yet beneath these wildwood bowers
Dear thoughts my soul employ,
For in the memories of past hours
There is a mournful joy.

Upon the air thy gentle words
Around me seem to thrill,
Like sounds upon the wind harp's chords
When all the winds are still,
Or like the low and soullike swell
Of that wild spirit tone
Which haunts the hollow of the bell
When its sad chime is done.

I seem to hear thee speak my name
In sweet, low murmurs now.
I seem to feel thy breath of flame
Upon my cheek and brow.
On my cold lips I feel thy kiss,
Thy heart to mine is laid—
Alas that such a dream of bliss
Like other dreams must fade!
—G. D. Prentice in New York Ledger.

THE COTTON GIN.

How a Woman Helped Whitney to Perfect His Great Invention.

"Recollections of Washington and His Friends" is contributed to The Century by Martha Littlefield Phillips. They were taken down from the lips of the author's grandmother, who was the youngest daughter of General Nathanael Greene. The following is one of the stories:

"During my life at Dungeness a circumstance occurred there of some historic and scientific interest and in regard to which much erroneous statement has been made. I refer to the invention of the cotton gin by Eli Whitney and my mother's connection with it. The facts, briefly stated, were about as follows: While spending the previous summer at Newport, R. I., my mother became acquainted with Mr. Whitney and grew much interested in the outcome of the experiments he was then making in the interest of his projected gin. To assist in his enterprise, my mother invited him to spend the following winter at Dungeness, where an abundance of cotton and quiet could be assured. Mr. Whitney accordingly came to Dungeness, and diligently pursued his experiments, a room in the fifth story having been specially fitted for his use as an inventor. One morning he descended headlong into the drawing room, where a number of guests were assembled and excitedly exclaimed, 'The victory is mine!' In deep sympathy with him the guests and hostess went with him to his workshop. Whitney set his model in motion. For a few moments the miniature saws revolved without hindrance and the separation of the seed from the cotton wool was successfully accomplish, but after a little the saws clogged with lint, the wheel stopped, and poor Whitney was in despair.

"'Here's what you need,' exclaimed my mother in her clear, decisive way, and she instantly seized a clothesbrush lying on the mantel and held it firmly to the teeth of the saws. Again the drum revolved, and instantly the saws were cleaned of the lint, and the last requirement of the great invention was satisfied.

"'Madam,' said Whitney, overcome with emotion and speaking with the exaggeration of gratitude, 'you have perfected my invention!'"

Morals and Sex.

Whatever the Turveydrops of the moral world may have to say about the necessity for elevating moral deportment on the part of "woman, bewitching woman," I have never been able to see any indubitable intent in nature herself toward binding them over to any higher moral standards than she does men. Both men and women seem to me to be compounded of the same average morality, though with certain unlike manifestations, largely the result of circumstances and opportunities.

I see no special cause for believing that the average woman under like temptation would do very differently from the average man—a belief which is not lessened by Bishop Potter's recent accusation before the women's auxiliary of the Civil Service Reform association that they put their relatives into office whenever they get the chance, "without any evidence that they are fitted to fill the places they applied for." Possibly women were intended by their Creator to stand for the reformatory interests of life, but I think there is not as yet sufficient evidence thereto, either in the nature of things or of women, to warrant any special abrogation of other distinct and more familiar duties in favor of interests mainly moral.—Helen Watterson Moody in Scribner's.

A Friendly Pointer.

Jinks—What! You don't mean to say you are engaged to the beautiful Miss de Pink?

Blinks—Yes, I do. Got engaged to her last night. This afternoon I am to bring her into town. She wants to go to an optician's, I believe. New pair of glasses or something. She is nearsighted, you know.

Jinks—I say, old fellow, just slip round to that optician's and bribe him not to give her any better glasses than she has.—London Tit-Bits.

Her Explanation.

"This building," said the little city girl, who was taking her little country cousin around and showing her the sights, "is called the half orphan asylum. They intended to make a whole asylum out of it, but they found they didn't have money enough, I expect."—Chicago Tribune.

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[illegible] BY THE HURRICANE.

The Sham "Colonel" and the Wrecked "Captain" Dine Together.

Two men who had been chums in a western town before a financial hurricane hit it met for the first time in years in a Sixth avenue eating house the other day. In the days of their prosperity one of them was a political lever and was called colonel. He had been on the governor's staff. The other in some way had acquired the title of captain. Both had front seats in every [illegible] of the town in which they had lived. The governor's ornament is now a plain bookkeeper in Broad street. The other man is a dry goods clerk.

After greetings, explanations and a few mournful references to perished delights, they had a combination meal, and if you don't know what that is you have never had any trouble, and any one who casts a shadow is worse than a heathen. When the meal was over, the two old friends walked out and stood for a few minutes under the splutter of an arc light. As they were parting the man who used to ride the big bay horse in the governor's parade, and who had commanded the populace of his town to stand back, said in a low, mournerlike tone:

"If you come to see me, don't call me colonel. Nobody knows me as colonel now. I am just an employee on a salary."

The arc light spluttered again as the little man replied in a squeaky, hall bedroom voice:

"And if you come to see me just call me, 'Say, you!' That's what everybody calls me in the store."

"Well, goodby, captain."

"So long, colonel."

It was the first time they had heard the titles in years and each walked away with a lighter step and lighter heart.—New York Sun.

DUTIES OF CHRISTIAN LIFE.

No Virtue In One's Daily Actions Unless It Is Established In the Soul.

"The obligations and duties of the Christian life are not all external," writes Cardinal Gibbons, pointing out a religious life to young men, in The Ladies' Home Journal. "They are mainly material and must proceed from the heart. There is no virtue in one's daily actions unless it be first established in the soul and is only an external expression of the soul's convictions or prolongation of heartfelt sentiments. Yet the external practice of Christian virtues and the performance of Christian duties pertain to the integrity, if not to the essential character, of the Christian life. The interior sentiments soon perish without external expression, as life and bodily powers become extinct without due and proper exercise or employment.

"However, as the external duties are not absolutely and under all circumstances essential, they vary both in number and frequency according to environments and opportunities. A business man cannot do all that a clergyman is expected to do, a man in trade not what a man in leisure can accomplish nor a man of the world all that is possible and easy to one who keeps himself from society. But all, no matter where, no matter what their engagements and secular pursuits, how little or how much time they can call their own, can and are obliged to perform daily acts of prayer and religion and accomplish many duties of virtue and charity. There is no condition of life which is incompatible with the dictates and principles and precepts of the Christian life."

The Best Time.

Schoolmaster—What is the best time to pick apples?

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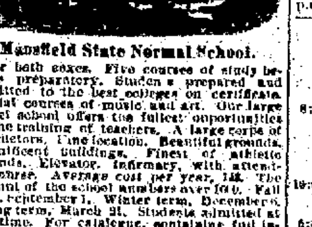

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*Buffalo Mail, daily except Sunday, [illegible] p. m.
Local for Olean, daily except Sunday, [illegible] p. m.
*Train leaving Smethport [illegible] p. m. connects at Olean with River Division for Allegany, Salamanca, Oil City and Pittsburg.

For Clermont and points south:

*Clermont Local daily ex sunday [illegible] a. m.
Clermont Acc'tion daily ex sunday [illegible] p. m.
Clermont Acc'tion daily ex sunday [illegible] p. m.
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PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

PHILADELPHIA & ERIE DIVISION TIME TABLE. In effect Nov. 28, 1897.

TRAINS LEAVE EMPORIUM JUNCTION
EASTWARD.

[illegible] a. m.—Train 8, weekdays, for Sunbury, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, Hazleton, Pottsville, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia [illegible] p. m., New York [illegible] p. m., Baltimore [illegible] p. m., Washington [illegible] p. m. Pullman Parlor car from Williamsport to Philadelphia, and passenger coaches from Kane to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Baltimore and Washington.

3.25 p. m.—Train 6, weekdays, for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia [illegible] a. m., New York [illegible] a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Harrisburg to Philadelphia and New York. Philadelphia passengers can remain in sleeper undisturbed until [illegible] a. m.

9:26 p. m.—Train 4, daily for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations arriving at Philadelphia [illegible] a. m., New York [illegible] a. m. weekdays, [illegible] a. m. Sundays; Baltimore [illegible] a. m., Washington [illegible] a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Erie and Williamsport to Philadelphia, and Williamsport to Washington, and passenger cars from Erie to Philadelphia, and Williamsport to Baltimore. Passengers in sleeper for Baltimore and Washington will be transferred into Washington sleeper at Williamsport.

WESTWARD.

[illegible] a. m.—Train 9, weekdays for Erie, Ridgway, Du Bois, Clermont and intermediate stations.
[illegible] a. m.—Train 3, daily, for Erie and weekdays for DuBois and intermediate stations.
6:20 p. m.—Train 15, weekdays, for Kane and intermediate stations.

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Train 9 leaves New York [illegible] p. m., Philadelphia [illegible] p. m., Washington [illegible] p. m., Baltimore [illegible] p. m., arriving at Emporium Junction [illegible] a. m., weekdays, with Pullman sleepers and passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Erie and from Washington and Baltimore to Williamsport.

Train 3, leaves New York [illegible] p. m., Philadelphia [illegible] p. m., Washington [illegible] p. m., Baltimore [illegible] p. m., daily arriving at Emporium Junction [illegible] a. m., with Pullman sleeping cars from Philadelphia to Williamsport and passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Williamsport and Baltimore to Williamsport, on Sundays only, Pullman sleeper Philadelphia to Erie.

Train 15 leaves Philadelphia [illegible] a. m., Washington [illegible] a. m., Baltimore [illegible] a. m., Wilkesbarre [illegible] a. m., weekdays, arriving at Emporium Junction [illegible] p. m. with Pullman Parlor car from Philadelphia to Williamsport and passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Kane.

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Weekdays.

SOUTH A. M. Lv.	STATIONS.	NORTH Ar. P. M.
[illegible]	Ridgway	[illegible]
9 10	Johnsonburg	[illegible]
9 20	Bentley	[illegible]
9 26	Glen Hazel	[illegible]
9 36	Straight	[illegible]
9 41	Instanter	[illegible]
[illegible]	Smith's Run	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
10 00	Clermont	[illegible]
A. M.		P. M.

Connections are made with train 3, leaving Johnsonburg at [illegible] a. m. for Erie and intermediate points, arriving at Erie at [illegible] p. m. and at Ridgway with train 6 leaving Ridgway at [illegible] p. m. for Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore and Washington.

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8:10 a. m.—Buffalo & Rochester Express—For Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Colden, Buffalo, Machias, Gainesville, Silver Springs, Warsaw, LeRoy and Rochester.
2:30 p. m.—Mail—For Salamanca, Ellicottville, Machias, Gainesville, Silver Springs, Warsaw, LeRoy, and Rochester.
4:55 p. m.—Buffalo Express—Daily. For Limestone, Carrollton, Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Colden and Buffalo.

LEAVE MT. JEWETT—SOUTH-BOUND.

7:47 a.m.—Accommodation—For Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Brockwayville, DuBois and Punxsutawney.
1:41 p. m.—Mail—For Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Brockwayville, DuBois and Punxsutawney.

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BUFFALO & SUSQUEHANNA R. R.
TIME TABLE.
Took effect Monday, June 15th, 1896.

3	5	STATIONS.	2	4
p.m.	p.m.	Ar. Dp.	a.m.	p.m.
2:20	[illegible]	Keating	[illegible]	[illegible]
2:02	[illegible]	Cowley Junc.	[illegible]	[illegible]
1:50	[illegible]	Austin	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Costello	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Wharton	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Logue	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Hull	[illegible]	[illegible]
12:45	[illegible]	Cross Fork Jc	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Germania	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Galeton	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Gaines	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Ansonia	[illegible]	[illegible]
a. m.	p.m.	Dp. Ar.	p. m.	p. m.
a.m.	p.m.	Cross Fork Jc.		
[illegible]	[illegible]	Cross F'k	[illegible]	[illegible]

H. Hutchinson, Train Master. C. W. Goodyear, Gen'l Manager.

COUDERSPORT & PORT ALLEGANY R. R.
[illegible] Time Table, takes effect [illegible]

WESTWARD	STATIONS.	EASTWARD
[illegible]	Ulysses	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Carpenters	[illegible]
[illegible]	Perkins	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Newfield	[illegible]
[illegible]	Gold	[illegible]
[illegible]	Raymonds	[illegible]
[illegible]	Seven Bridges	[illegible]
[illegible]	Colesburg	[illegible]
[illegible]	Frinks	[illegible]
[illegible]	Coudersport	[illegible]
[illegible]	Hammond	[illegible]
[illegible]	Olmsted	[illegible]
[illegible]	Mina	[illegible]
[illegible]	Knowlton	[illegible]
[illegible]	Roulette	[illegible]
[illegible]	Burtville	[illegible]
[illegible]	Coleman	[illegible]
[illegible]	Port Allegany	[illegible]

Trains run on eastern standard time.
[illegible]

ST. MARYS & SOUTHWESTERN R. R.

To take effect at 5 o'clock a.m., Monday, August 9, 1897.

South		Stations	North	
[illegible]		Clermont	[illegible]	
[illegible]		Chatham	[illegible]	
[illegible]		Wildwood	[illegible]	
[illegible]		North Fork	[illegible]	
[illegible]		Kay Fork	[illegible]	
[illegible]		Gray Gables	[illegible]	
[illegible]	Ar 7:40 Lv	St. Marys	Lv [illegible] Ar	
[illegible]	7:45	Kaul	[illegible]	
[illegible]	7:51	[illegible]	[illegible]	
[illegible]	7:56	Groll	[illegible]	
[illegible]	8:06	Gillen	[illegible]	
[illegible]	8:10	[illegible]	[illegible]	
[illegible]	8:15	Centreville	[illegible]	
4:14	8:21	Dagus Crossing	[illegible]	
[illegible]	8:30	Shelvey Summit	[illegible]	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
[illegible]	[illegible]	Thompson	[illegible]	
[illegible]	8:43	Curry	[illegible]	
[illegible]	8:49	Brandy Camp	[illegible]	
[illegible]	8:51	Elbon	[illegible]	
[illegible]	8:55	Ryde	[illegible]	
5:10	9:10	Shawmut	[illegible]	
p.m.	a.m.			

Bradford, Bordell and Kinzua Ry.

Time Table taking Effect Nov. 29th, 1897.

LEAVE SMETHPORT.

8:[illegible] A. M.—Mail and Express, daily except Sunday, for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane connecting with P. & W. Ry. for Foxburg, Butler and Pittsburg.

10:[illegible] A. M.—Daily except Sunday for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane.

[illegible] P. M.—Mail and Express, daily except Sunday, for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane connecting at Kane with P. & E. train 4 for Wilcox, Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Emporium, Harrisburg, Baltimore, Washington and Philadelphia—and at Bradford with Erie R. R. train 16 for Salamanca, Olean, Hornellsville, Elmira and New York.

Trains arrive at Smethport, daily except Sunday, at [illegible] a. m., [illegible] p. m. and [illegible] p. m.

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